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**GENERAL AMOS WALTER WRIGHT WOODCOCK**, lawyer and soldier, is a resident of Salisbury, residing at his estate, "Chatillon." He distinguished himself in wartime as prosecutor of the Japanese war criminals, has directed the United States Bureau of Prohibition and been special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States; has distinguished himself in the field of education as president of St. John's College, Annapolis; and has also been prominent in banking.

General Woodcock was born in Salisbury, October 29, 1883, son of Amos Wilson and Julia Ann Harris (Wright) Woodcock. On completing his secondary education at Wicomico High School, Salisbury, he entered St. John's College where in 1903 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, graduating at the head of his class. His degree of Bachelor of Laws was granted by the University of Maryland in 1910. Harvard University granted him the degree of Master of Arts in 1912, and he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Washington University in 1932, and from St. John's College in 1937.

In 1912 General Woodcock began the practice of law at Salisbury. From 1914 he was a member of the law firm of Woodcock and Webb. Early in his career, his civilian life was interrupted by the advent of World War I. Amos W. W. Woodcock entered as captain in Company I of the 1st Maryland Infantry, with which outfit he had served on the Mexican border in 1916; and he advanced to major and lieutenant colonel in the 115th Infantry Regiment, serving with the American Expeditionary Forces during World War I. With this regiment, he participated in the defense of the central sector of Haute-Alsace during August and September, 1918, and was in the Meuse-Argonne offensive from the 8th till the 29th of October. As battalion commander he was engaged in the capture of Rechene Hill, North of Verdun, and was cited for gallantry in action. Since December 1, 1936, General Woodcock has held the rank of brigadier general, commanding the 58th Brigade of the Maryland National Guard. During World War II, he saw active service from February 3, 1941, to August 25, 1942. After the termination of hostilities, from December 1, 1945, to March 31, 1946, he was engaged as attorney in the prosecution of Japanese war criminals, resigning on the latter date.

General Woodcock has entered actively into public life in peacetime. He was assistant attorney general of the state of Maryland from 1920 to 1922, and United States Attorney for the District of Maryland from that year until 1930. Between 1930 and 1933, General Woodcock was director of the United States Bureau of Prohibition, and was appointed assistant to the Attorney General of the United States on

April 1, 1933. He continues to represent the United States in various cases, such as that referred to above, involving high Japanese officials.

Among General Woodcock's varied abilities must be counted those of educator. He was president, from 1934 to 1937, of St. John's College, Annapolis. He has served on the board of directors of the Salisbury National Bank. General Woodcock is a member of the American Bar Association and the Maryland Bar Association, the National Press Club of Washington, D. C., and the Naval Academy Officers Club. He is a member of the post of the American Legion, and was state commander during 1921-1922. His fraternity is Phi Kappa Sigma. General Woodcock is a Republican in his political affiliation, and is of Methodist faith. He is unmarried.

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**GILBERT WILCOX MEAD, LL.D., L.H.D.—**As president of Washington College at Chestertown, the late Gilbert Wilcox Mead for many years pursued work along professional lines and in community groups that advanced the welfare of this institution and the many organizations of diversified nature with which he was connected. His death occurred March 25, 1949.

Dr. Mead was born May 7, 1889, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, son of the Reverend Wesley Gilbert and Carolyn Switzer (Wilcox) Mead. He received his early education in the schools of southwestern Pennsylvania, and he was graduated from Southwestern State Normal School in 1905. After two years teaching in country schools, he entered Allegheny College at Meadville, Pennsylvania, and in 1911 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at that institution. Later, in 1916, a Master of Arts degree was conferred upon him by Columbia University at which institution he did further graduate study until 1918. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1933 at Birmingham-Southern College, and a year later the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters was awarded him by Allegheny College.

At an early age Dr. Mead began teaching in the rural schools of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, gaining valuable experience from 1905 until 1907. After receiving his bachelor's degree, he moved to Bergenfield, New Jersey, where he became a principal and supervisor of the local school system. At the end of a four-year period of service in that community he became an English master at the Buckley School in New York. He stayed there for two years, and in 1917 began to teach English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University. At the same time he joined the staff of Hunter College in New York as a special lecturer, holding these positions until 1923. His next important assignment

in teaching and educational administration was as head of the English Department at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. Advancing in administrative reputation, Dr. Mead two years later, in 1925, became dean of Birmingham-Southern College. He remained there for eight years. From 1933 he served as president of Washington College in Chestertown. His work here was distinctive, and under his leadership this old institution made rapid progress in academic standing and physical equipment. Dr. Mead was an inspiration to the younger men in his faculty and led many students to the path to successful and productive lives. The writer knew him as a scholar, administrator, and friend, and confines this record to a statement of simple fact only because an appraisal of his work that would be justly appreciative would not receive his approval for publication.

Dr. Mead played a leading role in the work of many significant organizations, especially those connected with education and educational institutions. From 1930 until 1932 he served as president of the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. He was a member of the Maryland State Library Commission, the Commission on State Mental Institutions, the executive committee of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, and the executive committee of the Maryland Conference on Postwar Education. He represented both the Association of American Colleges and the Middle States Association on the American Council on Education, was a member of the Board of Grants of the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education, and was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. He served as chairman of the district council and vice president of the area council of the Boy Scouts of America, and was a member-at-large of the National Council. Dr. Mead was active as president of the Alabama Colleges Association, was an organizer of the Southern Conference of Liberal Arts College Deans, serving as secretary of this group from 1930 until 1933, and was vice president of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association. He held membership in the Modern Language Association of America, having served as secretary of the English Victorian section. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Middle States Association of Colleges. Fraternally he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa honorary scholarship organization, Phi Gamma Delta, Tau Kappa Alpha, Omicron Delta Kappa and Kappa Phi Kappa, in which he served as national president from 1937 until 1939. In connection with his fraternity work he had been secretary and chairman (1947-48) of the executive committee of the National Interfraternity Conference. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was an Episcopalian, a vestryman and Diocesan Trustee of the University of the South (Sewanee, Tenn.). Within recent years Dr. Mead had notable honors conferred upon him, among which were the Yorktown Medal awarded by the Society of the Cincinnati in 1940, and the Silver Beaver presented by the National Boy Scouts of America in 1943. A well-known author and critic, he served as literary editor of the Birmingham "News-Age Herald" from 1928 until 1933. He traveled widely, spending much time studying in England and France.

On August 18, 1914, Gilbert Wilcox Mead married Iva Madeline Clark, a native of Perryville, Missouri. They became the parents of the following children: 1. John Clark, who married Florence Elizabeth Schiller; they have a daughter, Mary Carolyn. 2. Gilbert Wilcox, Jr., who married Helen M. Loskamp; to them were born three children: Susan Clark, Martha

Ann and Mary Catherine. 3. Francis Hudson, who married Elizabeth Ann Goral; they became the parents of two children: Michael Hudson and Katherine Elizabeth. 4. Robert Wesley, who died at the age of eight years.

The spring issue of the "Washington College Alumnus and Bulletin" carried the following tribute by John S. Smith, Administrative Assistant, under the heading, "An Appreciation":

Chatting informally one day at the snack-bar, he received like a puff in the face, a crumpled paper napkin from the playful hand of a little daughter of a faculty member. Immediately he shot the missile back at her with the simplicity of greatness, and laughed with her as she received it as he had—on the nose. Re-created by the humanity of such an experience, Dr. Mead turned to continue his interrupted conversation about Dante and then went to his office to consider afresh the practical problems which were his to solve.

How will you remember him? Each of us has his own recollections, but the total pattern of his significance is large and varied. Some fifteen hundred expressions of sorrow upon the passing of our President indicate the wide area of his interests and his friendships. He was a scholar, teacher, administrator; he was man, friend, spirit.

After a period of over eighteen years a former student writes now of her remembered pleasure in his ability "to make the English poets come alive," and of "the twinkle, the sense of humor . . . innate in Dean Mead, which made his English classes a joy." It is our loss that we did not know him here as a teacher of a class, although we cannot deny that he was working on our minds all the time. The bells tolled at "Old Southern" upon the news of Dr. Mead's death, for he is still loved there as professor and Dean. Indeed, he is not forgotten now at Columbia University where he had been an instructor.

We know that his mind and spirit were enriched by the great thoughts of the most significant men in the history of the race; he "saw life steadily and saw it whole"; he was familiar "with the best that has been said and thought." Informal moments found him discussing Byron or St. Thomas, his intellect always keen on literary and philosophical subjects. Up to the last, he was a scholar recommending new books to his colleagues, keeping himself aware of the current of contemporary events, and never allowing administrative detail to dull his interest in the deeper problems of the mind and of life itself.

A man of voluminous correspondence, of wide, national contacts and of such varied educational, fraternal and social activities as to sharpen our sense of awe, he still had, as one observed, "so much time for the problems of others." Despite the interim of years since he lived in Alabama, a "Birmingham News" editorial said last week that "it was as a man and as a friend that many in this city will miss him most."

We realize that his dealings with his fellow men were not bare of the humaneness which makes a prominent man great. Counselor and friend was he to those who sought him out because they respected his frank and helpful advice. While he did not "suffer fools gladly," and quite properly felt no obligation to do so, he never disrespected an honest question or refused aid to the sincere.

There was nothing morbid in his personality; so far as we can detect, his attitudes were on the side of the positive. His manner of dealing with others was such as to call out their best; he was constantly developing in them self-reliance and responsibility. Whatever weakness there be in the procedure of making a man stand on his own two feet, Dr. Mead felt they were outweighed by far by the larger experience it means for the man himself. Only one who believes in his fellow men would dare so to treat them. He sometimes shared heavily in the cost involved when, in exceptional cases, this method failed and the subject fell, unworthy of such faith, but our late President was able to do so graciously and without cynicism toward other men.

He was honest. Large-hearted in many ways, insincerity and dishonesty were foreign in his nature. Himself apparently impervious to unworthy criticisms, Dr. Mead could shed the onslaughts of pettiness with that unselfconscious dignity which is a mark of greatness. He was too big to be hurt by little matters: one felt when he encountered them that they fell at once into the perspective of their own relative unimportance. Instinctively he knew an unimportant matter from an important one. At the same time, he was eager to defend his colleagues and his friends against unworthy criticisms, while yet not so uncritical that he could not, with grace, call a man's attention to his own faults if need be. A sincere and positive spirit toward one's fellow men, a faith in them, and honesty in human relations! Lesser men may easily formulate judgments of their superiors, but here is much not so greatly to be criticized as emulated.







*John Dickinson*



Dr. Mead believed in education as a large thing, and looked upon all of life's experiences as "learning situations." He was able to live and grow in the living, and he denied no other man a similar right and desire; nay, he encouraged such expansion of mind and spirit in others. Those who worked with him were themselves at school. As Dean Livingood says, "As an administrator, Dr. Mead had breadth of vision, was an educational philosopher who tried to make his philosophy live in his co-workers on the staff and in the students, and who saw education not as an end in itself but as a means for helping people to live richer and fuller lives."

Those who knew him realized that he was fond of the students. His regard for them was above any display on his part and beyond any demands on them for loyalty or show of affection. He knew members of the student body who hardly knew him, and who were surprised when he called them by name. He was familiar with the academic record of the students, and one could scarcely mention the name of a member of the student group about whom Dr. Mead did not know some item, academic or personal. Hence, he was quick to see the human side of the problems of administering a school, and whether he was presiding over a formal academic occasion or holding a conference with his colleagues, his attitudes and interests never fell flat, below the level of the personal and the human.

His attitude toward his work was a consecrated devotion to a significant task. It was, one felt, a part of his religion. But what can one man say of another's religion? Little, save what he saw as religious practice. Dr. Mead's attitude toward life was itself religious: his work he considered a trust. His creed—about which he was not wont to make lengthy statements—included fairness and honesty toward his fellow men as well as reverence toward God. He saw one as the necessary part of the other. His body did not go to its grave unattended by the consolations of formal religion, but more important, all through life he was the sort of man to whose mind it was not a *faux pas* to speak of God as a Reality or to mention prayer as a power this world too little knows.

The wide realm of his influence must not blind us to his greatness among us. He accomplished more than most of us dream of doing. Each newspaper list of his activities carries some mention which another omits; a complete list of his interests and affairs would be staggering indeed. These activities took on the nature of innumerable expressions of personal regret, upon his passing. President Truman—upon whom Dr. Mead had conferred a degree—immediately wrote a personal note of condolence to Mrs. Mead when he read the obituary notice in his morning paper. "The New York Times" carried his picture and a lengthy article. The Maryland State Senate passed resolutions of bereavement and officially adjourned for a period of respect to one "who had brought credit and honor to the State of Maryland." Everywhere he went, we know now—if any did not know it before,—he represented the College with dignity. An internationally famous American wrote that he had lost "a great friend and the State a great citizen." And the tributes sent to the Ringgold House include a beautiful letter of sympathy from the Principal of the Garnett School. Mrs. Mead speaks of the years her husband "had lived for Washington College." Who would know better what he lived for? Despite the wide area of his interests, here his spirit still lives and his tenure of office will be remembered by what he gave of himself to the College. "Up to the last, he did what was expected of him." He never could have retired. We must think of Washington College as his intellectual home, the place where his spirit lives, for he loved this school. His desk here was his throne. His personal typewriter is silent, no longer subject to the drive of the devoted energy with which he daily attacked it.

His body, literally burned out in the faithful service of a busy life, has found its tree-sheltered rest in a spot of beauty between a quiet lake and a lovely old Church. But the spirit of Gilbert Wilcox Mead survives, for his contribution is indestructible. When God calls a man home, what can he hope to leave that is imperishable? Something of his mind and spirit! That Dr. Mead has left us, of himself, and it remains, undying.

What marks his term of service here, this the longest presidency in the history of the College? Is it educational program, academic standards, expansion of the College, or buildings—including a projected dormitory, the plans for which he fondly handled almost to his very last day? Or is the distinguishing mark of his career here the lives of men and women whose minds and hearts he had a hand in moulding? His spirit speaks in favor of the latter. For several thousand students his spirit is woven inextricably into the traditions of Washington College, and his services will long be remembered as those of a man marked with the talents of scholar, teacher, administrator, and genuine spirit. The greatness of these is his spirit, and it still lives and is articulate. It speaks—but not merely of his own greatness, rather, as a positive voice it urges Washington College on to an even larger greatness.

**SOPHIE KERR UNDERWOOD**—Among the well-known figures of the literary world who were born on the Eastern Shore is Mrs. Sophie Kerr Underwood, who as Sophie Kerr is familiar to the reading public, having been for many years an editor and the author of over a score of books.

She is the daughter of Jonathan Williams and Amanda Catherine (Sisk) Kerr, and as a native of Denton has always considered the state of Maryland her home. She received her degree of Bachelor of Arts from Hood College in Frederick City, Maryland, in 1898, and that of Master of Arts from the University of Vermont in 1901. Two educational institutions have granted Mrs. Underwood the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature: The University of Vermont in 1934, and Washington College, in 1942. Franklin and Marshall College, in 1948, conferred on her the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Mrs. Underwood began her career as editor of a woman's page in the "Chronicle-Telegraph" of Pittsburgh, and later became editor of the women's Sunday supplement of the Pittsburgh "Gazette-Times." Later she came to New York as assistant editor of the "Woman's Home Companion" and became managing editor. She is the author of the following books: "Love at Large" (1916); "The Blue Envelope" (1917); "The Golden Block" (1918); "The See-Saw" (1919); "Painted Meadows" (1920); "One Thing Is Certain" (1922); "Confetti" (1927); "Mareea-Maria" (1929); "Tigers Is Only Cats" (1929); "In For a Penny" (1931); "Girl Into Woman" (1932); "Stay Out of my Life" (1933); "Miss J. Looks On" (1935); "There's Only One" (1936); "Fine to Look At" (1937); "Adventure with Women" (1938); "Curtain Going Up" (1940); "The Beautiful Woman" (1940); "Michael's Girl" (1942); "Jenny Devlin" (1943); "Love Story Incidental" (1946); "Wife's Eye View" (1947); "Sound of Petticoats" (1948); "As Tall As Pride" (1949). She is also the author of a play, "Big Hearted Herbert," and has contributed short stories to many magazines.

Mrs. Underwood is a member of P. E. N., the Women's National Republican Club, The New York Wine and Food Society, and the Cosmopolitan Club. Her fraternal organization is Theta Sigma Phi. She lives in New York City, at 115 East 38th Street.

She married, September 6, 1904, John D. Underwood. They were divorced in 1908. They had no children.

**JOHN DICKINSON**—Vice president-general counsel of The Pennsylvania Railroad Company; former Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania; former Assistant Attorney General of the United States, John Dickinson has occupied a prominent place in the legal affairs of Philadelphia and the nation throughout his professional career.

Mr. Dickinson, member of an old and distinguished Maryland family, was born February 24, 1894, on the Choptank River, where his forebears first settled in 1659 at "Crosiadore," which he now occupies as his home. He received a classical education at the Boys Latin School in Baltimore, under Edward Lucas White, author of a number of well-known books, including "El Supremo" and "Andivius Hedulio." After competing his studies here, Mr. Dickinson matriculated at Johns Hopkins University, from which he was graduated, at the head of his class, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1913. As an under-

graduate, he majored in the classical languages and was prominent in campus affairs, serving as editor-in-chief of the college newspaper and chairman of the student council.

After leaving Johns Hopkins, he took a postgraduate course in public law and political science at Princeton University, where he was awarded a degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1919. He then enrolled at the Harvard Law School, from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1921, and during which period he served as instructor in history and economics at Harvard College. Mr. Dickinson served his law clerkship in New York City, and in 1922 went to California, was admitted to the bar of that state during that year, and established himself in a practice devoted to real estate and banking law, which he conducted for several years. Five years later, in 1927, he returned to the East and published his treatise entitled "Administrative Justice and the Supremacy of Law" through the Harvard University Press. He became Professor of Law in charge of courses in constitutional and administrative law at the University of Pennsylvania in 1929. For several years he was associated with the New York law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell, and there he handled a number of important cases, including the government antitrust suit against The Sugar Institute, in which he acted as associate defense counsel with John C. Higgins. Mr. Dickinson occupied the post of Assistant Secretary of Commerce of the United States from 1933 to 1935, and in this capacity participated in the early phases of national recovery legislation, as well as serving as chairman of the committee which formulated the original recommendations for stock exchange regulations, which were not adopted. At this time, from 1934 to 1935, he also headed the Central Statistical Board of the Federal Government as chairman, and during the latter year became Assistant Attorney General of the United States. As such he represented the government before the Supreme Court in the St. Joseph Stock Yards litigation, the Guffey Coal Case, the Convict-Made Goods Case, and others. He resigned as Assistant Attorney General in 1936 to become general solicitor for the Pennsylvania Railroad, for which he handled the litigation which resulted in holding the State "Full-Crew Act" of 1937 unconstitutional.

Mr. Dickinson, who was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Dickinson College in 1934, and from Johns Hopkins University in 1948; is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and of the American Philosophical Society, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the Medieval Academy of America and of the American Historical Association. He is a member of the bar in the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and California, and of the Supreme Court of the United States, and belongs to a number of bar associations and legal societies. Besides a large number of articles published in learned periodicals in the field of law, jurisprudence and history, Mr. Dickinson is the author of several books, including "The Building of an Army" (1922); "Administrative Justice and the Supremacy of Law" (1927); and "Hold Fast the Middle Way" (1935); and is the editor and translator of "The Statesman's Book of John of Salisbury" (1927). His clubs include the Philadelphia and Franklin Inn of Philadelphia; the Century Association of New York; the Metropolitan of Washington; and the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club of Easton, Maryland, and the Tred

Avon Yacht Club of Oxford, Maryland. On the Eastern Shore he is a member of the Maryland Agricultural Society for the Eastern Shore, a member of the Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College, and a vestryman of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church of Trappe, Maryland.

Mr. Dickinson married Lula Martin McIver, daughter of the late Dr. Charles Duncan McIver, founder and first president of the North Carolina College for Women, and one of the outstanding educators of his generation in the South.

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**GEORGE L. RADCLIFFE**, lawyer and former United States Senator, former head of the American Bonding Company, present executive of the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Baltimore, former secretary of state of Maryland, and official of several government agencies, has in both private life and public positions contributed much to the state's progress.

Born August 22, 1877, at Lloyds, near Cambridge, George Radcliffe is a son of John Anthony Le Compte and Sophie D. (Travers) Radcliffe. His birthplace was the farm, "Spocot," which had been both the property and the home of an ancestor, Charles Powell in the seventh generation. Charles Powell, in 1692, had, with several other lawyers, organized the first bar association in Cambridge. "Spocot" had been patented by Stephen Gary, grandfather of George L. Radcliffe in the eighth generation, and has remained in the family since. Nearly all of Mr. Radcliffe's ancestors for many generations have lived in Maryland and many of them in Dorchester County.

Mr. Radcliffe received his early education in his home, after which he attended the public schools. In 1893 he was graduated from Cambridge Seminary, and a year later entered Johns Hopkins University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1897. He continued his studies at that University, doing graduate work in history, politics, and economics. In 1900 the University granted him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, his doctorate thesis having been a study of the secession movement in Maryland, entitled "Governor Hicks of Maryland and the Civil War." Honorary degrees have been conferred upon Mr. Radcliffe in the intervening years: a degree of Bachelor of Laws by the University of Maryland in 1903; that of Doctor of Laws by Washington College in 1933; and Doctor of Laws by the University of Maryland in 1943.

First entering the profession of teaching, Mr. Radcliffe became the principal of Cambridge Seminary for the scholastic year 1900-01, and the next year taught history and civics in Baltimore City College. At the time of his completing his law studies at the University of Maryland, in June, 1903, and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws, Mr. Radcliffe was admitted to practice by the Maryland Bar Association. He accepted an appointment as attorney for the American Bonding Company, and entered the law department of the home office of that Company, in Baltimore. A year later he was made attorney in charge of the department, and shortly after became a second vice president of the Company. He held that office from 1906 to 1914, in which year he became president. In 1913, the American Bonding Company had merged with the Fidelity and Deposit Company, and subsequently went into voluntary liquidation, despite its size and the success of its operations. In his capacity as its president, Mr. Radcliffe was in-



strumental in its liquidation. At the time of the merger of the two companies, he became one of the executive vice presidents of the Fidelity and Deposit Company, and somewhat later was given special supervision over its legal and claim departments, and he has for a number of years served the Company in the capacities of first vice president, director, and member of the executive committee. He is also a director and member of the executive committee of the Fidelity Trust Company.

Mr. Radcliffe entered political life in 1916. A Democrat, he was appointed by Governor Harrington to the board of liquor license commissioners of the city of Baltimore. This position he resigned three years later to become secretary of state for Maryland. During the time he held these offices, the latter terminating in 1919, he was also active in the programs of World War I: He was a member of the Liberty Loan and American Red Cross committees in Baltimore, and, during the winter of 1917-1918, associate director of the Bureau of Personnel of the Red Cross at its national headquarters in Washington, D. C. He was treasurer of the League to Enforce Peace throughout the period of that organization's activities. During World War I, Mr. Radcliffe was also a member of the Maryland Council for Defense, and while serving on that body, he was requested by Governor Harrington and Francis E. Waters, chairman of the council, to organize and direct the work of the preparation of suitable records in regard to Maryland's participation in the war. The program was to secure service records from Maryland men who had participated in the armed conflict; large appropriations were made to this end, and Mr. Radcliffe served as the program's treasurer.

In 1934 Mr. Radcliffe was appointed regional adviser for the Public Works Administration for the states of Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and the District of Columbia. The next year, he became a member of the United States Senate, and he continued to hold his seat, ably representing his district, until 1947. The state of Maryland has requested his services in compiling war records for World War II, as he was responsible for doing during World War I.

Mr. Radcliffe has always been a man of wide civic interests, and has aligned himself actively with charitable and educational programs as well as showing a marked interest in historical organizations. He is president of the Maryland Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. He has taken a vital interest in the progress of his alma mater, Johns Hopkins University, to which his relationship has been that of a devoted alumnus. He was a member of the general executive committee of the university which had charge of the campaign for endowment in 1910, and, in 1909, had helped organize the alumni council. He was a member and secretary of that body for about ten years, and was also president of the general alumni association for a number of years. He was active in the movement to create the graduate school of international relations at the university, named for Walter Hines Page, United States Ambassador to Great Britain. A trustee and president of the Maryland Historical Society, Mr. Radcliffe previously served as its recording secretary. He is also a member of the American Historical Society, and was formerly president of the Eastern Shore Society. He was instrumental in the pre-

servation, in 1924, of the old Baltimore Shot Tower; now owned by the city of Baltimore, it is believed to be the only one now standing in the country. Professionally, Mr. Radcliffe is affiliated with the American, the Maryland, and the Baltimore bar associations, and with Kappa Alpha fraternity. Active in the councils of the Democratic party, he was chairman of the Maryland Democratic Campaign Committee in 1932, and again in 1936. He is a member of Maryland Club, the Johns Hopkins Club, the Merchants Club, the Bachelors' Cotillon, the University Club, and the Baltimore Country Club. In religious faith he is Protestant.

On June 6, 1906, George L. Radcliffe married Mary McKim Marriott of Baltimore, daughter of William H. and Aline (Bracco) Marriott. Mrs. Radcliffe's ancestors for many generations had been prominent citizens of Maryland. Achieving success as both painter and writer early in life, Mrs. Radcliffe was, before the age of twenty-one, on the staff of the "Ladies' Home Journal," which at that time exceeded in circulation any other magazine in the United States. She has maintained and given fruitful expression to her early interests, and has engaged in research work of considerable value. Mr. and Mrs. Radcliffe are the parents of one son, George Marriott, born July 9, 1919. Their present home is at 12 Edgevale Road in Baltimore.

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**GUY CROSBY RIDDELL**—A consulting mining and metallurgical engineer, with world-wide experience in his field, Guy C. Riddell has recently made his home on the Eastern Shore. He has served the governments of the United States and other countries as mining consultant, and he has contributed extensively to the technical literature of his profession.

Mr. Riddell received his technical education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He was first identified with the American Smelting and Refining Company in Montana, in the capacity of superintendent of its lead smelting plant, from 1910 to 1916. For the next three decades, Mr. Riddell was a consulting engineer on an international scale, his work taking him to Australia, Alaska and Canada, Germany, Poland, England and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, to Mexico, Panama, Venezuela, Korea and China. In addition he carried out many important contracts within the continental United States. He was in Australia during 1916 and 1917, with the Broken Hill Associated Smelters, Ltd., and directed the modernization of the world's largest lead smeltery at Port Pirie, to speed up the production of British Armaments. From 1918 to 1920, Mr. Riddell was metals chief of the United States Tariff Commission. He was consulting engineer and American manager of the Wah Chang Trading Corporation, with offices in Shanghai and New York, from 1920 to 1923. He was thereafter chief of the Minerals and Petroleum Division of the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce in Washington and was the Department's representative on the Federal Oil Conservation Board in 1925.

Mr. Riddell became eastern manager of the N-T-U Oil Company, of California, New York and London, in 1926 and continued in this capacity until 1929. He was consulting engineer to the Soviet government from 1930 to 1933, in which capacity he was responsible for the rationalization of existing oil and nonfer-

rous mining resources, and the development of new rare-metal industries throughout the Soviet Union. He was consultant to the Soviet Government for the development of a helium industry in Russia in 1933-1934; and carried out surveys of the Russian potash, sulphur, nickel and petroleum industries for American corporations from 1935 to 1941.

Then returning to the Western Hemisphere, Mr. Riddell was for a time located in Sinaloa and Chihuahua, New Mexico, as consultant and general superintendent in gold placer and lode mining activities. He later spent time in Alaska, California, Arizona, Colorado, Montana, and Ontario, Canada in comparable activities. During the years of World War II, Mr. Riddell again entered the service of the United States Government. During 1942-1944, he was a consultant and staff chief in the Board of Economic Warfare; consultant on the Foreign Economic Administration and advisor to the Chinese Government on the Five-year Plan in respect to mining and metallurgical industries, in 1944-1945. For the succeeding two years he was Research Administrator for the Department of Commerce; and in 1947-48, Mining Advisor to the United States Military Government in Korea, and consultant to the National Economic Board, Seoul, Korea.

Mr. Riddell is a member of the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy of Great Britain; the Mining and Metallurgical Society of America; the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and the Pan-American Institute of Mining Engineering and Geology. He is the author of the sections on Lead and Antimony in "Handbook of Nonferrous Metallurgy" (McGraw-Hill), 1926 and 1945; and has published many technical articles in American and foreign mining and metallurgical journals.

His clubs include the Engineers' Club, the Bankers, the Chemists, and the Mining clubs of New York, and the Los Angeles Athletic Club. He is listed in the leading "Who's Who" publications; Burke's Landed Gentry (England); First Families in America; and the National Cyclopaedia of American Biography.

His Maryland residence is "Little Plainealing," on Little Plainealing Creek, near Royal Oak, Talbot County, which name is derived from a trading post, so-called in the seventeenth century by the Indians trading with the Quakers.

Mr. Riddell married, in 1907, Isabell Anderson Southgate, daughter of Dr. Charles MacLellan Southgate of Dedham, Massachusetts. Their children are Comdr. Robert Southgate Riddell, United States Navy, San Diego, and Mrs. Dana F. Woodman, Jr. (nee Virginia G. Riddell) of Evergreen Farm, Oxford, Maryland. The Riddell genealogy is traced in "First Families in America" and Burke's "Landed Gentry" (London), the latter British volume having reached across the Atlantic to include certain overseas collateral families of English descent. Robert Riddell, the founder of the family in America, of Ballemneath, Ireland, emigrated in 1718 and settled in Londonderry, New Hampshire. Mr. Riddell's mother, Anne Otis Daggett, was a descendant of John Trueman, member of the Boston Tea Party in 1775.

**CHARLES JONES TRUITT**—Former publisher and editor of Salisbury and Wicomico County newspapers, as Eastern Shore correspondent for New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Wilmington dailies, and for the Associated Press, and as a Pulitzer Prize winner in Journalism, Charles

Jones Truitt is now general manager of the Peninsula Broadcasting Company, which owns and operates Radio Stations WBOC and WBOC-FM, Radio Park, Salisbury. He is also well-known as a writer and historian of Salisbury, is a former secretary of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, and a veteran of World War I.

Mr. Truitt was born in Pittsville, Maryland, on August 18, 1900, the son of Judge and Mrs. Hiram James Truitt. His father was a manufacturer and district magistrate.

Charles J. Truitt was graduated from the Wicomico High School in Salisbury, and attended St. John's College at Annapolis.

In 1921 Mr. Truitt became a news reporter for the old "Wicomico Countian," published in Salisbury. That newspaper merged with the "Salisbury Advertiser" in 1922 and became "The Advertiser Countian." Of the new paper Mr. Truitt was appointed news editor. In 1923 Mr. Truitt went with the News Publishing Company of Salisbury, publishers of "The Wicomico News," to assist in the founding of "The Salisbury Times," Salisbury's first daily. Mr. Truitt was named news editor of both "The Times" and "The News" and, subsequently, was promoted to managing editor of both papers. In 1929 Mr. Truitt and a cousin, Alfred T. Truitt, joined in the purchase of the News Publishing Company and of this concern Charles J. Truitt became vice president and secretary. Also, he assumed the editorship of both papers. The Truitts sold the papers in 1939.

It was during his period as editor that Mr. Truitt, leaving his desk and "taking to the street," as newspapermen say, did the job of reporting which the trustees of Columbia University, on the recommendation of the advisory board of the School of Journalism at the university, called a distinguished example of a reporter's work during the year 1933 and in recognition thereof awarded Mr. Truitt the Pulitzer Prize.

From 1922 to 1939, Mr. Truitt was the Eastern Shore correspondent for "The Sun" and "The Evening Sun" of Baltimore; "The News-Post" and "Sunday American" of Baltimore; the "Morning News" and "Journal-Every Evening," Wilmington, Delaware; "The Evening Bulletin," "Public Ledger," "Record" and "Inquirer" of Philadelphia; "The New York Times;" "The Washington Post" and the Associated Press.

In 1932 he prepared and published "Historic Salisbury," two hundred and forty-eight page illustrated narrative of Salisbury's two hundred years' existence. This was published by the Garden City Press of Garden City, New York, at three dollars, and received favorable reviews in the "New York Times" and many other publications. "Historic Salisbury" may be found today in more than one thousand public libraries.

In 1939 Mr. Truitt was elected secretary of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, from which he resigned in 1940 to become general manager of the Peninsula Broadcasting Company and its Radio Stations WBOC and WBOC-FM at Radio Park, Salisbury. WBOC, with power of one thousand watts and unlimited time, operates on a frequency of nine hundred and sixty kilocycles, and has a large listening public throughout the Eastern Shore, in Delaware and in Virginia; WBOC-FM has radiated power of twelve thousand watts, operating on ninety-seven point five megacycles.







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*Abraham Phillips*





*Albanus Phillips Jr.*





Mr. Truitt is now a member of the board of directors of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, and is also active in the Lions Club of Salisbury. During World War I, he was with Company C of the Students Army Training Corps, at St. John's College, from September to December, 1918, and received his honorable discharge from the United States Infantry.

Mr. Truitt married Kathryn Elizabeth Gates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Gates, Jr., in Crisfield, Maryland, on March 21, 1929. They are the parents of two children: Jacqueline Ann Truitt and Charles Jones Truitt, Jr., both born in Salisbury, the former on November 7, 1931, the latter on December 29, 1932.

**COLONEL ALBANUS PHILLIPS**, for more than half a century regarded as Dorchester County's foremost citizen, and co-founder of Phillips Packing Company, Inc., at Cambridge, one of the nation's largest canned food packing enterprises, died January 17, 1949.

For many years president, and subsequently chairman of the board of the organization he so successfully helped to pioneer and develop, Colonel Phillips not only gave his name to the popular "Phillips Delicious" line of canned products, but also enjoyed to the full an amazingly active and fruitful life in the world of commerce.

In his business, political, and fraternal associations and in numerous wide and varied fields of endeavor, he was a constant and constructive contributor, in both practice and theory, to the tenets of steady development and expansion. Even as a comparatively young man he implemented sound and constructive reasoning with indefatigable energy and enthusiasm. These characteristic traits, coupled with vision and a firm determination to achieve established goals, enabled him to realize many of the ambitions of his long and busy life.

Above and beyond the satisfaction of witnessing his enterprises expand and grow, and quite apart from the personal aggrandizement associated with these successes, Colonel Phillips derived the keenest personal gratification from the knowledge that, year after year, he was contributing to the progress and prosperity of his community, and making it possible for a constantly widening segment of his associates and employees to enjoy a larger and broader way of life.

The son of George W. and Mary Elizabeth (Leonard) Phillips, Colonel Phillips was born at Golden Hill, Dorchester County, on August 31, 1871. Throughout his long and busy life, Colonel Phillips retained the most cherished recollections of those boyhood years in Maryland's famous tidewater region, where he learned to love the sports of hunting and fishing and at a tender age could maneuver a sail-boat with the skill of a veteran seaman. From this pattern of early life, guided by a gracious mother whose memory he steadfastly revered, and a father who, by precept and example, instilled in his children the principles of honesty, forthrightness, and determination, at the age of twelve he had developed into a lad of rugged stature and high ambition.

The next five years found him hard at work on various small oyster craft, working long hours but always finding the time to determinedly pursue his studies. He was an avid student of history, mathematics and geography, and by the time he had reached his sixteenth birthday he had earned admiration of many of his elders who recognized the keen and discerning mind he had so studiously developed, and the vast

fund of information and knowledge he had so painstakingly acquired. Finally, before reaching his eighteenth birthday, the independent spirit and rugged determination which was to characterize his activities all through life, prompted him to acquire his own Chesapeake Bay schooner, considered by navigators of that day as one of the fineset craft of its type plying the inland waters.

For ten years he faced raging winds, the howling blizzards, the periods of deadly calm, and all the other vicissitudes of tide and weather that befell skippers traversing the always changing and always uncertain reaches of the Chesapeake. And then, in 1893, he again concluded that the hour of change was at hand.

Looking forward to activities that afforded greater opportunity and more rapid advancement, he became associated with the firm of Webster, Ford and Company, wholesale oyster merchants. This was a logical choice for his work on the bay had given him a wide acquaintanceship with oystermen. Likewise, enjoying their confidence and respect, he was able to conduct business with these independent-minded and ruggedly-constituted men who spent their lives bringing oysters to market from their beds in the bay. Five years of hard and successful endeavor in this field brought the conviction that here, once more, there was not sufficient promise for the future. By 1899, when all America was intrigued by the golden promise of the dawning of a new century, there had crystallized in his mind a determination to utilize his varied knowledge and experience in larger and wider fields.

At the turn of the century the Maryland oyster industry was at the peak of its popularity and promise, and Colonel Phillips with prodigious energy and unbounded enthusiasm established his first business venture, which eventually was to lead to the expanded operations in twenty plants utilizing the yields from thousands and thousands of fertile acres along the Atlantic seaboard. In 1902, Colonel Phillips joined forces with his brother, the late Captain Levi B. Phillips, and W. Grason Winterbottom, the surviving member of the original co-founders, in establishing the Phillips Packing Company.

During the years that have intervened since that February day in 1902, when the company was born, the organization consistently has enjoyed a record of steady progress, growth, and expansion. Within this period the Phillips Hardware Company was founded in 1904, and since that time has expanded into both the wholesale and retail field. In 1914 these same three men founded the Phillips Can Company, to engage in the manufacture of vegetable, fruit, and oyster cans. From 1902 until 1946 Colonel Phillips was the active, dynamic, always aggressive and progressive head of the company. In 1946, because of failing health, he relinquished the presidency to become chairman of the board of directors. He was succeeded by his elder son, Albanus Phillips, Jr. In resigning from the presidency of the Phillips Hardware Company he was succeeded by his younger son, Major Theodore Phillips. The Phillips Can Company, subsequently operated as a division of the Phillips Packing Company, Inc., more recently has been completely absorbed and is totally owned and operated by the Phillips Packing Company, Inc.

From the modest beginning of nearly fifty years ago, with one small plant and warehouse, each year has witnessed enlargements and expansions until today the company operates a total of nine plants in Cambridge, and branch plants in Vienna, Denton, Cordova, Newbridge, Willoughby, and Williston, Mary-

land; and in Laurel, Oak Grove, Newark and Townsend, Delaware. All these plants are strategically located to process crops as they mature in these regions. The newest plant, recently completed, is a huge cold storage and freezer unit, equipped with the most modern facilities, and with cold storage capacity in excess of ten million pounds. The main quality control laboratories and kitchens of the company are located in Cambridge, Maryland.

Under the leadership of Colonel Phillips the company made noteworthy contributions to the prosecution of World War I and World War II. In the more recent gigantic conflict, the Phillips organization was one of the few canned food companies in America to be awarded the coveted Army-Navy "E" for outstanding excellence in food production, followed by the awards of Three White Stars for continued outstanding excellence. The assignment of the company during World War II was a herculean one, for it shared the food supply problem confronting every branch of the armed services of the nation and its allies. Colonel Phillips and his co-workers responded to this assignment with a twenty-four hour-a-day operational schedule rigorously maintained for nearly three years, during which period ninety-five per cent of the production was for America's far-flung fighting forces. Throughout the war the company was one of the major packers and assemblers of breakfast, dinner, and supper rations for troops scattered in fighting sectors almost all over the world.

High among the tributes paid his company, Colonel Phillips always valued the appraisal of Admiral Richard E. Byrd, the world's foremost explorer, who on his various expeditions used the company's products, taking them literally from "pole to pole." In the reception room of the Phillips main office is displayed a treasured gift from the Admiral: the first flag to have flown over both the North and South Poles. A range of mountains in Antarctica were named the Colonel Albanus Phillips Mountains by Admiral Byrd, and the new maps of this frigid continent also show the Colonel Albanus Phillips Glacier.

Despite the demands of his executive responsibilities, Colonel Phillips always was neighborly and approachable, maintaining a personal interest in the welfare of his employees, finding time to chat with them, offering help when needed. His close application to his own corporate interests precluded activity in other organizations, but he served as a director of two divisions of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. A philanthropist from good will rather than from sense of duty, his contributions to local welfare were legion, and he kept in mind the benefit of his well-loved Eastern Shore.

In governmental and institutional appointments, Colonel Phillips served creditably. He was a member of the staff of Governor Phillips Lee Goldsborough, there being conferred on him, at the time of this appointment, the rank of Colonel, by which honorary title he was known for many years. He served as a member of the board of trustees of Washington College and was active in establishing the Cambridge Hospital.

Colonel Phillips maintained a lifelong interest in Masonic activities. He was a member of Cambridge Lodge No. 66, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; the Hayward Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; the Cambridge Commandery of the Knights Templar; and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and sincerely endeavored to live up to the high aims of Masonry. He was likewise a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of

Elks, Cambridge Lodge No. 1272, and was one of the organizers of the original Cambridge Yacht Club. For many years he was a member of the Union League in Philadelphia. Colonel Phillips was a Republican, and though actively interested in party affairs never sought public office. One of his favorite recreations was duck shooting, and, reared in a district where the sport is at its best, he became an excellent shot and when the birds were flying always brought in a full bag. Fishing likewise has furnished him with many enjoyable days and the skill that adds to their pleasure.

Colonel Albanus Phillips married, on October 10, 1900, Daisy Alma Lewis of Baltimore, daughter of Major O. and Amanda (Jones) Lewis. Their long and happy married life was broken, January 17, 1949, by the death of Colonel Phillips, and thirteen days later Mrs. Phillips passed away. They became the parents of four children: 1. Albanus Phillips, Jr., (q.v.). 2. Alma, who married Harry Wehr, Jr.; they have two children, Harry, III, and Alma Phillips. 3. Theodore, (q.v.). 4. Frances, who married Edgar M. Skinner, Jr.; they are the parents of three children, Edgar M., III, Theodora Phillips, and Andrew Phillips.

**ALBANUS PHILLIPS, JR.**—The president of Phillips Packing Company, Inc., at Cambridge, since the retirement of one of its founders, his father, Colonel Phillips, is Albanus Phillips, Jr. He has been active in its affairs for a number of years, and also holds official positions in several other concerns.

Mr. Phillips was born in Cambridge, October 8, 1902, and after attending the local grade and high schools, went to Tome School for Boys at Port Deposit. After graduation he entered, in 1921, the business founded by his father, working in various capacities until he had become familiar with its various aspects and its problems. He was made vice president in 1929, serving in that capacity until the retirement of his father as president in June, 1946, when he succeeded to that post. He is also vice president of the Phillips Hardware Company and has succeeded Colonel Phillips as director of the Baltimore and Eastern Railroad and of the Delaware Railroad. Both are subsidiaries of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Mr. Phillips takes an active interest in the affairs of Cambridge and of the entire Eastern Shore. The lure of the water has been strong in each generation of the family, and Albanus Phillips, Jr., is an ardent fisherman. He was, in fact, named Champion of the Chesapeake Bay Area in 1947. He is a member of the Cambridge Yacht Club, the Cambridge Country Club, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Among his Masonic activities Mr. Phillips numbers membership in the Cambridge Lodge No. 66, in the Hayward Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, the Cambridge Commandery of the Knights Templar, and the Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He serves on the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, and attends Zion Methodist Church, of which he is a trustee. In political affiliation he is Republican.

On November 20, 1929, Albanus Phillips, Jr., married Anita Applegarth Spedden of Dorchester County, daughter of the late Senator Howard Spedden. They are the parents of three children: Albanus, III, and Douglas Howard.

**MAJOR THEODORE PHILLIPS**, of Cambridge, vice president and director of Phillips Packing Company, Inc., and president of the Phillips Hardware





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Company, is a veteran of World War II, and during his college days was a well-known athlete and football star at Tome School for Boys, and the University of Virginia.

Born in Cambridge, September 1, 1905, he is the second son of the late Colonel Albanus Phillips and Daisy Alma (Lewis) Phillips.

He attended Tome School and subsequently the University of Virginia where he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1929. Since boyhood he had spent his summers working in various departments of the Phillips Packing Company, and, though he originally planned to engage in the practice of law, at the time of his graduation the business had grown to such proportions he decided to join his father and elder brother and their associates in the food-packing field.

His first position with the company was that of assistant secretary but his years of training and experience won him early promotion to a vice presidency and in the years that followed he has continued to absorb additional responsibilities involving various angles of the company's operation and expansion.

Major Phillips succeeded his father, Colonel Albanus Phillips, as president of the Phillips Hardware Company, which operates a retail and wholesale hardware business extending throughout the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula.

In May 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army and was assigned to the Quartermaster Corps, where he successively won promotion from second lieutenant to first lieutenant, to captain and finally to the rank of major. He returned to civilian life in 1945, resuming his activities with Phillips Packing Company.

Active in the American Legion, Major Phillips also is a Mason, being a member of Cambridge Lodge No. 66; Zabud Council No. 9, Royal and Select Masons; Hayward Chapter No. 29, Royal Arch Masons; Cambridge Commandery No. 14, Knights Templar; and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, the Cambridge Yacht Club, Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club of Easton, and Farmington Country Club of Charlottesville, Virginia. In politics, Major Phillips is a Republican. He is a member of Zion Methodist Episcopal Church.

As a lad he was an early disciple of the sports of hunting, fishing and boating, and has continued to enjoy these forms of outdoor recreation. During his college days he played center on the University of Virginia football team and also engaged in the sport of wrestling.

In April, 1942, Major Phillips married Frances Newbaker of Windber, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of one son, Philip Newbaker Phillips.

**WILLIAM ROBERT HUEY**—Four decades as a banker in Chestertown is the outstanding achievement of William Robert Huey. Since 1943 he has been the capable president of the First National Bank of the community. As a public-spirited citizen his co-operation with local projects and enterprises have been exceptionally effective.

Born at Seaford, Delaware, May 22, 1885, William Robert Huey was the son of James Alfred and Mary Elizabeth (Abdell) Huey. His mother, a native of Salisbury, Maryland, born December 20, 1855, died November 15, 1915. James Alfred Huey, born at Columbia, Pennsylvania, January 14, 1851, and died November 29, 1929, had been engaged as a machinist. They were the parents of five children: 1. Erma, who married Arthur H. Sloop. 2. William Robert, of whom

further. 3. A child, who died in infancy. 4. Isaac Franklin. 5. Margaret Pauline, who married Ralph S. Brown.

William Robert Huey obtained his preliminary education in the public schools of Seaford and was graduated from high school in 1905, being president of the senior class. Active in athletics he played on the baseball and football teams. During summer vacations while in high school and in college, he worked in various hotels at Lake Placid, New York. Matriculating at Washington College, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1908, doing the work in three years instead of the usual four years, and again was president of his senior class. Continuing his athletic activities, he played on the football team at college, and was treasurer of the Student Athletic Association.

His first position after graduation from college was as bookkeeper in the Second National Bank of Chestertown. In 1910 the bank was reorganized as the Third National Bank of Chestertown, and in 1933 was named the First National Bank of Chestertown. Throughout all these changes William Robert Huey remained with the bank, in 1922, becoming cashier, in 1937, a director, and 1943, was elected president. He is serving his fortieth year with the same institution, an enviable record of promotions which he richly deserved. He was secretary and past president of Group 5, Maryland Bankers Association; served as treasurer of Maryland Bankers Association, and was chairman of its Agricultural Committee. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home. During World War II, he was director of Civilian Defense of Kent County, and also Chief Air Raid Warden. Active in civic affairs, Mr. Huey served on the Chestertown Water Board. Prominent in the Rotary Club, he is a past president of this organization. A member of the Methodist Church, he serves his church as steward and trustee.

On August 12, 1912, William Robert Huey married Elsie Rosalie Noble, born in Federalsburg, Kent County, Maryland, her family having settled on the Eastern Shore prior to the American Revolution, in which several of the family served. Mrs. Huey was educated in the Wilmington Conference Academy, and prior to her marriage taught school for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Huey are the parents of a son, William Robert, Jr., born April 26, 1913, who married Jane Whalen, and they have one son, William Robert, III, born June 30, 1946. Mr. Huey, Jr., is a talented musician and serves as organist and choir director at Watertown, New York.

**CARROLL LOWE** has been soldier, farmer, and government representative. He has also been very active in a number of local organizations, showing a particular interest in those organized for the benefit of the farmer.

Born in McDaniel, Talbot County, June 14, 1892, Carroll Lowe is the son of Albert and Mary Frances (Wrightson) Lowe, of McDaniel. His father was a farmer and a lawyer as well, having a practice in Easton. Both parents are deceased.

From early youth Mr. Lowe farmed with his father, but not to the detriment of his education. After attending local public schools and St. Michael High School, he continued his education at the University of Maryland. He responded to the call to the colors in World War I, and became a second lieutenant in

the 48th Infantry, and later a first lieutenant in the 89th Infantry. Discharged in March, 1919, he remained in the Reserve Corps with the rank of first lieutenant until 1934. After his period of active military service, he began operation of his own farm in McDaniel, and has remained there since. The exacting requirements of farm management have not, however kept him from other activities. From 1934 to 1940 he was field representative of the Home Owners Loan Corporation on the Del-Mar-Va peninsula. He has served as president of the Talbot County Farm Bureau, and director of the state Farm Bureau. A member of the board of directors of the Talbot Petroleum Co-op, he served the Farm Bureau Co-op also in the same capacity between 1926 and 1936. He was chairman of the soil conservation board. Since his period of military service he has been active in the affairs of the American Legion, and the culmination of his career of participation in the myriad activities of the Del-Mar-Va peninsula came with his election to the Maryland State Legislature in 1946, as a member of the House of Delegates.

Mr. Lowe is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Granite Lodge No. 177, and past patron of the sister-organization, the Eastern Star. For over thirty years he has been a member of the Miles River Yacht Club. Following the family tradition, he has always been identified with the Democratic party, and is active in party affairs.

Mr. Lowe's farm encompasses one hundred and ten acres. In addition to wheat and corn, products for which the Eastern Shore is noted, he raises livestock and poultry.

**JULIA A. PURNELL**—In Snow Hill, in Worcester County, is a museum of unique character—the Julia A. Purnell Museum. Here, to be sure, are hundreds of objects ranging far in time and space, fascinating objects dating from 2500 B.C. to recent times, and collected from all over the world. But the core of the museum's exhibits is a collection of nearly a thousand pieces of the famous art needlework of the late Mrs. Julia A. Purnell (1843-1943), who began this work as a hobby after being confined to a chair at the age of eighty-five as the result of a fall. Among the pictures wrought in wool by this remarkable crafts-woman are her birthplace, and several of the houses she lived in, the original Whatcoat Methodist Chapel, familiarly known as the "Old Shingled House" and later Whatcoat Church buildings, and many other scenes of this historic little town of Snow Hill and its environs. The museum was built by William Z. Purnell as a memorial to his mother, whose long life covered a period of great change and development in the nation. A series of many objects of everyday life in use when she was a girl add greatly to the impressive effect of the needlework. Mrs. Purnell was one of the most gallant and remarkable old women of our day. At ninety-five she won the first prize for needlecraft at the Philadelphia Hobby Show and was awarded a blue ribbon at the Wicomico Farm Show in Salisbury. At ninety-seven she won the mayor's citizenship award as the outstanding citizen of Snow Hill. On her one hundredth birthday she was honored at a birthday party held in the social hall of the Whatcoat Church, of which she had been a member for eighty-seven years. Her extraordinary achievements in her very old age and the spirit that prompted them will long continue to be an inspiration in an era when the number of old people in the country is

greatly on the increase. But these achievements were only the crowning glory of a long life well lived.

Mrs. Purnell was born Julia A. LeCompte, on October 27, 1843, the daughter of James S. and Henrietta Truitt LeCompte. Her father, James S. LeCompte was, during her childhood days, United States postmaster, storekeeper, and undertaker of Snow Hill. Since there was then no public school, she went to a little private school in the vicinity, walking to and from school along a narrow mud road with deep ruts made by stagecoaches and heavily loaded ox-carts. Every year little Julia would help her mother turn six barrels of molasses into ginger cakes and taffy to be sold in her father's store, and she also helped to put the fine stitches into the linings that went into the handmade coffins in which Snow Hill citizens were buried. When she was thirteen years old, she became a member of the Whatcoat Methodist Church and threw her fresh young energies into its work. In childhood she had attended the "Old Shingled House," as the original Whatcoat Chapel, which stood in the present Whatcoat Cemetery, but in 1856, the same year in which she joined the church, it was succeeded by a new building, in which worship was to be conducted until 1900. In her girlhood and young womanhood, as in her old age, she was one of the most devoted members of the Whatcoat Methodist Church.

At fifteen Julia LeCompte was employed by Mrs. Jennie Johnson to split straw to be made into hats. At this she earned one dollar a week. The next year she learned to design dresses and hats, and at this fashionable trade she sometimes could make as much as four dollars a week. But the Civil War intervened, bringing trouble and destruction to the nation. Soldiers were everywhere, and prices of food soared.

On December 24, 1869, Julia LeCompte was married to William H. Purnell, the son of Zadok and Mary Davis Purnell. There followed happy, busy years of married life. To this union were born two sons. The first of these, Francis T. Purnell, was born in 1870 and died in 1888, at the age of eighteen, bringing a great grief into Mrs. Purnell's life. The second son, William Z. Purnell, was born May 6, 1875. He married on February 26, 1919, Mamie Parsons of Snow Hill, and during the latter years of her life Mrs. Purnell made her home with her son and his wife in their house on Washington Street, in Snow Hill. Mrs. William Z. Purnell's kindness to the elder Mrs. Purnell contributed in no small way to her longevity.

In her middle life, much of Mrs. Purnell's energy and devotion continued to be given to the Whatcoat Methodist Church. She had been a charter member of the Ladies' Aid Society organized by the late Thomas E. Martindale in 1869, the year of her marriage, and she was always one of its most active members. When the time came for the erection of a new Whatcoat Methodist Church, a building which was dedicated in November, 1900, Mrs. Purnell was one of the most active promoters of the project, and was a liberal contributor to the building fund. At one bazaar held to help clear off the indebtedness, the articles made by her skillful fingers netted sixty dollars. Her name is perpetuated in one of the present Whatcoat Circles, which is known as "The Julia A. Purnell Circle." On her one hundredth birthday she was honor guest at a birthday party held in the social hall of the church, and this unique occasion, October 27, 1943, will long be remembered by all who had the pleasure of attending it.

At the age of eighty-five Mrs. Purnell had a fall which invalidated her and confined her to her chair for





*Julio A. Parnelle*









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the rest of her life. It was then that she turned to needlecraft for pleasure and consolation, and began to work pictures of the places which her memory held most dear. She finished more than three thousand pieces of art needlework in the remaining years of her life, and of these about two thousand were given away to her friends. The high quality of her work and the charm and spirit of the scenes portrayed not only delighted old friends but brought Mrs. Purnell many new ones. It was natural that she should be a true craftsman in this field, for since childhood she had been skillful with her hands. During the last forty years of her life she also assisted her son in grading and counting flowers. She was eager to live to be one hundred years old, and chose as her favorite song "Never Grow Old." In 1938 an exhibit of her art needlework, including many old scenes of her early life, won first prize at the Philadelphia Hobby Show and took a blue ribbon at the Salisbury Home and Farm Show, besides bringing her much heart-warming comment from friends and strangers alike. At ninety-seven she won the mayor's citizenship award as the outstanding citizen of Snow Hill, and at ninety-eight was made a member of the Hobby Hall of Fame of America. Her many visitors who came to spend an hour or so with her from time to time in the last few years of her life would often persuade her to tell them of the many changes she had seen in the course of her life, and these reminiscences were a source of great pleasure to her and her visitors alike. In the Julia A. Purnell Museum which William Z. Purnell built on Ironshire Street in Snow Hill, as a memorial to his mother, there are many objects which trace the development of everyday life during the hundred years she spent in Snow Hill, and these form a fitting background for the collection of nearly a thousand pieces of her art needlework, which are on display. Her son, William Z. Purnell has encased over six hundred articles in frames which he has made from walnut trees planted by his father in 1869, at the time of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Purnell.

Julia A. Purnell obtained her wish and lived to be one hundred, dying some two months later, on December 21, 1943. "The final strand had been woven into a life of loving and giving. Finished was a glorious portrait, intricately designed with the most eventful, most colorful, most interesting period in our country's history. . . . one of the most unforgettable characters a community ever knew, a character whose simplicity, sincerity and courage had reached into the far corners of the nation and brought honor and love to herself, her home, her town and community.

"Julia A. Purnell's greatness lay in her complete simplicity, her belief in loving one another, her devotion to her church, and her indomitable spirit. She did not try to fathom the mysteries of life, she accepted them and coped with them through a heart God had made warm with understanding. . . . Mrs. Purnell lived her life fully, whole heartedly. She was a part of all the times in which she lived. . . . Indeed, she will live forever. In the hearts and minds of the people, in the beauty of her work on earth, she will never grow old."

The above quotations are taken from a brief paper entitled "Memoirs of Julia A. Purnell," by Dave Foskey. In a similar tribute to Mrs. Purnell, Eben Hearne of Pocomoke City wrote in part as follows:

"I esteem it a great privilege to pay a tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of the most remarkable women I have ever known, Mrs. Julia

A. Purnell. Long will she be remembered by her friends in her native town of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. . . . The interval of time between the two dates under the subtitle of this article is a long period—one hundred years; yet by the will of a kind and gracious Providence, she was permitted to sojourn on this mundane sphere that length of time. The controlling influences of her long and exemplary life were her trust in God, her cheerful disposition, her indomitable energy and industry, her tireless devotion to her family, her friends and her church, and ardent desire to perform her mission to make the world a better place to live in. In her life was exemplified to the fullest extent the words of Holy Writ from the book of Psalms, 91:16, 'With long life will I satisfy him (her) and show him (her) my salvation.' . . . After an acquaintance with her covering a period of over forty-five years, the writer can truthfully say:

'None knew her but to love her;  
None named her but to praise'."

**EDWARD J. CLARKE, A.M., Litt. D.**—As educator, newspaper editor and publisher, and public spirited citizen, Edward J. Clarke, Litt. D., has long been an outstanding figure in Maryland affairs in general, and of those of Chestertown and Pocomoke City, in particular. For three decades he served on the faculty of Washington College in the first named community. Since 1922 he has been identified with the "Worcester Democrat" of Pocomoke City. Down through the years it has been his privilege, and one of which he availed himself excellently, to contribute to the progress and betterment of his times.

Dr. Clarke was born in Pocomoke City, Maryland, on September 1, 1860, son of Littleton Thomas and Amaret Jane (Trader) Clarke, and the grandson of William J. and Margaret Ann (Holland) Clarke, both natives of Elizabeth, New Jersey, who came to Pocomoke City shortly after their marriage. Here the grandfather won the respect of the community both as a skilled contractor and builder, and as a devout communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The father of Dr. Clarke, Littleton Thomas Clarke, born in Pocomoke City in 1829, early learned the carpenter's trade under his father, but for the most of his life was a merchant. An active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he led its choir, served as a trustee and was constantly to the fore in religious and charitable projects. His death occurred in 1866; that of his wife, the former Amaret Jane Trader, in 1902. She was a native of Accomack County, Virginia.

Upon the death of his father, when Dr. Clarke was only six years old, he went to live with the Rev. John Wesley Pierson, then pastor of the Pocomoke City Methodist Episcopal Church and to a large extent the boy was prepared for professional studies under the clergyman's tutelage. Graduated from the Pocomoke City High School in 1873, he later matriculated at St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree with the class of 1881. During the following five years he taught in the Accomack County schools in Virginia, and the Worcester County, Maryland, public institutions, with the exception of one year of scholastic work in the old Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. At the age of twenty-seven years, Dr. Clarke was called to Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, at one of the critical periods in its history. During his many years' association with this institution he was a teacher of splendid and wide reputation, who in no small measure



was influential in adding to and improving its curriculum and the services the school rendered its students and alumni, achievements that were honored by St. John's College with the degrees Master of Arts and Doctor of Literature.

What might be called the second phase of the life of Dr. Clarke began when he resigned in 1920 but continued his educational activities for about two years as Superintendent of the Schools of Kent County, Maryland. In 1922 he entered upon a new enterprise as the owner, editor and publisher of the "Worcester Democrat." Probably this new type of endeavor was the consummation of a long-considered desire, for he proved himself very much at home at the editor's desk and in getting out a paper that ranks high among the news publications of Maryland. He has used to fine effects his background as a teacher, combined with an authentic and successful ambition to encourage sound citizenship and a knowledge by readers of what is going on in the present changing world, especially in his state and city. In personal interests, he retains a love of athletics that goes back to his own undergraduate days and the extracurricular activities of Washington College students. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Chester Lodge Number 158, Free and Accepted Masons, of Chestertown, of which he is a past master, and the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He belongs to the Rotary Club, of which he is a past president, is a member and senior warden of the Episcopal Church of Pocomoke City, and a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Easton, and in 1941, was elected a delegate to the General Convention of the church at Kansas City, Missouri.

On February 1, 1899, Dr. Edward J. Clarke married Bertha Johnson Lloyd, daughter of Christopher Columbus and Annie (McMaster) Lloyd of Worcester County.

Harking back to the past is the following tribute to his achievements as specified on a plaque set up in William Smith Hall, Washington College, in 1941:

Commemorative  
of the long, faithful and valuable  
service of

Edward J. Clarke, A.M., Litt.D.

as an educator, executive, editor and publisher.

Teacher of English and History, at Washington College, 1887-1918; member of its Visitors and Governors, 1918-1920; Superintendent of Kent County Public Schools, 1918-1922; editor and publisher since 1922.

Motivated by inherent love for young people and keen interest in the activities of the students outside of the class room, he unconsciously exerted a refining influence, resulting in the betterment of the social and athletic life of the college community.

This tablet is erected by his former students as a mark of Esteem and Appreciation.

Commencement Day, June 9, 1941.

#### JEFFERSON DAVIS BLACKWELL, Ph.D.—

President of the State Teachers College in Salisbury, since 1935, Dr. Jefferson Davis Blackwell has behind him a career of continuous advancement in the educational field, both in its teaching and administrative aspects, and covering in its scope both the college and the preparatory years. He stands high in the regard of his colleagues, and his directoral abilities have proven invaluable in the educational programs of several states.

Dr. Blackwell was born in Blackwell, Missouri, September 5, 1885, son of Richard Aquilla and Dollie Ann (Coleman) Blackwell. His father was a farmer, and a merchant and at one time served as county judge of Jefferson County, Missouri. There Jefferson Davis Blackwell received his preliminary schooling, after which he entered the University of Mis-

souri, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1914. Subsequent collegiate degrees received during his career were that of Master of Science from Columbia University Teachers College in 1923, and Doctor of Philosophy, from Johns Hopkins University in 1929.

Dr. Blackwell's teaching career had begun, however, before his undergraduate days at the University of Missouri, for he had taught in the rural schools at Halifax, Missouri, during 1906-1907, and was grade school teacher in Bonne Terre, Missouri, in 1907-1908. From 1910 to 1912, Dr. Blackwell was superintendent of schools in Blodgett, Missouri, and he was instructor in the Missouri State Normal School at Warrensburg during the summer session, 1914. Since that time, Dr. Blackwell's appointments have been entirely at the collegiate level. He was associate professor of education at Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College from 1914-1917, and in the latter year was appointed to his first administrative post with a state educational department, becoming chairman of the division of vocational education of the Texas State Department of Education. He served in that capacity until 1920. From 1920 until 1923, Dr. Blackwell was assistant director of vocational education of the Pennsylvania State Department of Public Instruction. He came to Maryland in 1923, to serve in another state educational post, that of director of vocational education of the Maryland State Department of Education. After twelve years of commendable service in this office, Dr. Jefferson Davis Blackwell became, in 1935, president of the Salisbury State Teachers College. He has been instructor at the University of Kentucky summers during the years 1928, 1930, 1931 and 1932.

Dr. Blackwell is a member of the American Association of School Administrators, and of Acacia, Alpha Zeta, and Phi Delta Kappa fraternities. A member of the Salisbury Rotary Club, he served that organization as president in 1939-1940; and he is also a member of the lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Knights Templar, and the temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. A Presbyterian in his religious faith, Dr. Blackwell serves his church as an elder. He is the author of a book on one of the chief subjects of his professional interest through the years, its title being "The Organization and Supervision of Vocational Education." It was published in 1929. Dr. Blackwell's doctoral thesis incorporated the same material, and was published by the State Department of Education in Baltimore.

On August 1, 1915, Dr. Jefferson Davis Blackwell married Lucy Salome Love, and they became the parents of three children: 1. Edith Lucile, born June 26, 1917. 2. Harold Richard, born January 16, 1921. 3. David Jefferson, born March 17, 1928.

**LOUIS W. GUNBY**—Founder and president of the L. W. Gunby Company of Salisbury, and associated throughout his long life with many other enterprises of Salisbury and Wicomico County, Louis W. Gunby is living today at the age of ninety-five and is known as "Salisbury's Grand Old Man." Until his ninetieth birthday Mr. Gunby was to be found at his desk in the store every business day.

He was born March 5, 1854, at Forktown, in Somerset County. Forktown has long since changed its name to Fruitland, and Wicomico County was formed out of a portion of Somerset County in 1867, when





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Louis Gunby was a boy of thirteen. He was the son of John and Charlotte (Somers) Gunby, both of whom were natives of Somerset County.

He attended the local schools and after leaving school started in the merchandising business while he was still in his teens. From small beginnings his business grew with the years and with the new county that had been formed. It was conducted for many years under the name of L. W. Gunby. Finally in 1903, in order to keep pace with its expansion and to facilitate the handling of new lines of merchandise that had been added from year to year, the firm was incorporated as the L. W. Gunby Company. At this time old and faithful employees became stockholders in the new company, partners in the enterprise, and managers of departments. In the forty-five years since its incorporation L. W. Gunby Company has continued to prosper, and its founder and president has continued in the forefront of plans for its development. Today he no longer goes to the store each day, having discontinued his daily routine on his ninetieth birthday some five years ago. Mr. Gunby served for many years as president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Salisbury, as president of the Salisbury Building and Loan Association, as chairman of the Del-Mar-Va Mortgage Corporation, and as president of the board of education of Wicomico County, filling the latter post for eighteen years.

For more than twenty years he was superintendent of the Sunday school of the Presbyterian Church, and he played a leading part in all the activities of that church. Today he is "held in affection and esteem by the community at large." Some one has said of him that "the secret of success might well be stated in a matter of four words—he attended to business." His success paralleled the development of the community, and all Salisbury takes pride in his long and fruitful career and his venerable old age and considers him a romantic figure, "Salisbury's Grand Old Man."

Louis W. Gunby married in his early youth Alice Frances Graham, and they had nine children of whom four are still living. They are: 1. Colonel John K. Gunby, now retired from the United States Army, who saw action in both World War I and World War II. 2. Joseph Y. Gunby, a practicing attorney of Salisbury. 3. Mrs. Norris Pilchard. 4. Mrs. Harry C. Fooks.

**IDA BELLE WILSON THOMAS, Ed.D.**—Ida Belle Wilson Thomas, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Doctor of Education, professor of history at State Teachers College, Salisbury, has devoted her career to the field of education. For the past fifteen years, Dr. Thomas has been head of the history department of the State Teachers College.

A native of the Eastern Shore, Dr. Thomas was born in Pocomoke City, September 8, 1891, daughter of Edward Fillmore and Margaret Patterson (Fulton) Wilson. Her father followed the trade of building contractor, as well as being a farmer. Dr. Thomas attended the public grade and high schools of her native city, after which she entered the Normal School at Baltimore to prepare for a teaching career. On completion of her courses there, she enrolled at Columbia University in New York City, where she received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1924, and that of Master of Arts in 1928. She has since taken courses at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, at the University of Chicago, and at New York

University, and received, in 1943, the degree of Doctor of Education.

Dr. Thomas' teaching career began after she had received her diploma from the Maryland State Normal School. Her first appointment was in the public schools of Worcester County, and she later taught in a private school in New York City. For ten years thereafter, Dr. Thomas was associated with the College of Education of Maryland University, after which she became a member of the faculty of State Teachers College at Towson, in the college's department of history.

During the many years she has been connected with the Maryland school system, Dr. Thomas has done a great deal of lecture work, and has contributed a number of articles on Maryland history to various magazines and newspapers. Dr. Thomas makes a specialty of the history of the Eastern Shore. As background for her writing and teaching activities, she has traveled extensively, both in Europe and America, has visited all of the forty-eight states and, in 1947, Alaska.

During World War I, Dr. Thomas served her country as a civilian member of the United States Marine Corps, but was adjudged "too young and too little" to become a yeomanette. She is a Democrat in her political views, although she has never sought public office.

Dr. Thomas is a member of, and has held office in, many learned societies. She is a member of the American Association of University Women; the National Education Association; the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, of which she was state vice president from 1938 to 1942; the Quota Club of the Eastern Shore, with headquarters at Salisbury, of which she was president from 1937 to 1939; the Maryland History Teachers Association, of which she was president from 1938 to 1940; the Wicomico County Historical Society, of which she was president from 1943 to 1946; and the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, of which she was state chairman for education from 1944 to 1947, and in which she held many district positions. A member of Delta Kappa Gamma fraternity, Dr. Thomas was elected president of the local chapter in 1947, and has served since; and she is also a pledge member of Kappa Delta Pi. She belongs to the Maryland State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and to the Order of the Eastern Star. Dr. Thomas is of Methodist faith, as have been members of her family for several generations.

At the Little Church Around the Corner, in New York City, September 23, 1931, Ida Belle Wilson married Marvin Watterson Thomas. Mr. Thomas is by profession a civil engineer. They make their home in Salisbury.

**HARRY ARTHUR CANTWELL, M.D., F.A.C.S.**—Prominent Eastern Shore physician and surgeon who has been practicing in North East since 1908, Dr. Harry Arthur Cantwell has held various posts of honor in the medical associations to which he belongs. He also served for a period in the Maryland State Senate, was chosen presidential elector from the Eastern Shore in 1936, and finds time to serve on many community enterprises, despite his continuing devotion to his chosen profession.

He was born September 30, 1883, at Charlestown, Maryland, the son of Harry Mitchell and Louisa (Black) Cantwell, both natives of Cecil County. The progenitor of the Cantwell family in the Eastern



Shore was Edwin Cantwell, who served as first Deputy Governor of Delaware under Sir William Andros. Harry Mitchell Cantwell, at the time of his death in 1883, was chief clerk of the Delaware Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mitchell Cantwell had two children: 1. Ernest Black Cantwell, who married Florence Grubb; they had one daughter, Mildred Ann, who married Ralph Purnell. Ernest Black Cantwell died in 1931. 2. Dr. Harry Arthur Cantwell.

Dr. Cantwell attended the local schools of the county and Tome Institute, where he was catcher on the baseball team for several seasons. During the summers he was busy on his grandfather's farm. After his graduation from Tome Institute in 1902 he entered the University of Maryland and graduated from that institution in 1906 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. While at the university he was vice president of his class in his freshman year, and also played on the university baseball team. During the summers he played semiprofessional baseball, which was permissible in those days. After receiving his degree in medicine Dr. Cantwell served for a year as resident physician at University Hospital in Baltimore and the following year was resident surgeon at the Hospital for the Relief of Crippled and Deformed Children of Baltimore City, now the Kernan Orthopedic Hospital. In 1908 he commenced to practice in North East. During World War I, Dr. Cantwell was commissioned a first lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Corps but not called to active service. He served as medical examiner for the local draft board. During World War II he was medical director and consulting surgeon for the Triumph Explosive Company and also a member of the Maryland Procurement Advisory Board. He is consulting surgeon of the United States Veterans Hospital at Perry Point, and chief of the surgical staff of Union Hospital of Elkton. For six years Dr. Cantwell served as health officer of Cecil County, and from 1922 to 1926, he was a State Senator, active on the Health and Hygiene committees. A Democrat by political affiliation, Dr. Cantwell served as presidential elector from Eastern Shore in 1936. He is now officiating for the third time as president of the Cecil County Medical Society, the three terms not being consecutive, and he is a past vice president of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, a member of the Southern Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Cantwell also holds the office of president of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Cecil County. He is a member of the Lions Club, and his religious ties are with the Episcopal Church.

Dr. Cantwell married on June 27, 1912, Anne Arline White, a native of Cecil County. She was graduated from Western Maryland College in 1909. Dr. and Mrs. Cantwell are the parents of three children: 1. John Arthur, a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in civil engineering, and a veteran of World War II, having served with the Ninth Army; married Marie Poe, and they have one son, John Arthur, Jr. 2. Nancy Louise, a graduate of "The Women's College of the University of Delaware," married John L. Winslow of Baltimore, Maryland. 3. Ruth Elizabeth, also a graduate of "The Women's College of the University of Delaware," married Clark Parker Lattin, Jr., of Yonkers, New York; they have four children: Anne Cantwell, Nancy Abbott, Katherine Hanson, and Clark Parker Lattin, 3rd.

**HON. DUDLEY GEORGE ROE**—An honored citizen of Sudlersville, Dudley George Roe has distinguished himself in business and in public life. He is one of the leading grain dealers in this region of the country, and he has served the people of the State of Maryland as a member of the State Legislature and of the Congress of the United States.

Mr. Roe was born March 23, 1881, at "Wildwood," near Sudlersville, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, son of William Dudley and Martha Neal (George) Roe. He is a member of an old family of Queen Anne's County. The first progenitor in this country came from England and settled at Roesville, in 1706. Colonel James Roe, great-great-grandfather of Dudley George Roe, commanded the local forces at the Battle of Slippery Hill, in 1814. Later, in 1828, he was elected judge of the orphans' court of Queen Anne's County. After serving as judge for many years, he was elected chief judge of the court, and served in this capacity until his death, in 1859. His son, William Roe, great-grandfather of Dudley George Roe, was prominent as a gentleman farmer. James Roe, grandfather of Dudley Roe, was born in Queen Anne's County, and became a farmer, following his father's footsteps. He gained ownership of much farmland and many slaves. A Democrat in politics, he served as tax collector of his native county, a position he held at the time of his death.

William Dudley Roe, father of Dudley George Roe, was born April 14, 1855, and died in 1912. As a young man he acted as a clerk in the shop of a prominent merchant of Sudlersville, and after about eight years of this, he engaged in farming activities. His farming enterprise became very successful, for he started with one small tract of land which operation grew into four large farms. In 1880, in addition to farming, he engaged in the grain business in Sudlersville and nearby towns. In 1912, shortly before his death, he built the first grain elevator on the Eastern Shore. He was also a director of the Sudlersville Bank. Politically, he followed the Democratic party, and in religious affiliation he was an Episcopalian, attending St. Luke's Church. His service to the public included the position of tax collector of Queen Anne's County.

On April 14, 1880, William Dudley Roe married Martha Neal George, daughter of Joseph E. and Martha L. (Neal) George. Her father was a prominent landowner of Queen Anne's County, served as the first president of the Sudlersville Bank, and was president and director of the Centerville National Bank, of Centerville, Maryland. Martha Neal (George) Roe was born May 9, 1858, and died April 18, 1924. William Dudley and Martha Neal (George) Roe became the parents of the following children: 1. Dudley George, of further mention. 2. May, who became the wife of Austin Roberts. 3. Helen, who was married to Samuel J. Massey, of Chestertown, Maryland.

Dudley George Roe studied under the guidance of a governess until he reached the age of fourteen years. At this time he entered the preparatory department of Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland. He was graduated from this educational institution in 1901. In both his senior and junior years he led his class in scholarship, and acted as valedictorian of his graduating class. While at college he also played on the baseball, football, tennis and track teams. In addition to these activities, he served as editor of the college paper and was president of the Literary Society.

After being graduated from college, Mr. Roe spent



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two years teaching school, acting as principal of a two-room school at Barclay, Queen Anne's County. In 1903, however, he decided to continue with his academic learning, and he entered the Law School of the University of Maryland at Baltimore. In 1904, in conjunction with his work at this institution of higher learning, he received the degree of Master of Arts at Washington College, and, in 1905, the degree of Bachelor of Laws was conferred upon him by the University of Maryland. Years later, in 1943, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at Washington College.

In 1905, after completing his legal training, Mr. Roe began a successful law practice in Baltimore. He remained there for a year, after which period of time he joined his father in the grain business in Sudlersville. After his father's decease, in 1912, he continued to operate the enterprise and the grain elevator under the firm name of W. D. Roe and Son. He has carried on this business since, extending the operations as a result of his business ability. The enterprise is one of the largest of its type on the Atlantic seaboard, and with its growth Mr. Roe has gained prominence in his community.

In addition to his business activities, Dudley Roe has made worthwhile contributions in public service toward the political development of his state. Always an ardent member of the Democratic party, as early as 1907 he held public office, being elected in that year to the State Legislature as a member of the House of Delegates. He remained in this position for one term before returning to private life and to his business affairs. Nevertheless, in 1923 he was persuaded to run once again for public office, and he was elected to membership in the State Senate, the position to which he was re-elected in 1926 and 1930. Although not a candidate in 1934, he decided to run again, in 1938, and was re-elected, becoming the only man ever to serve more than two terms in the State Senate from Queen Anne's County. During his last term there he was made chairman of the Finance Committee. For two years, in 1939, and again in 1941, he held the position of Democratic floor leader. In recognition of his devotion to party principles and to the best interests of the state, his colleagues in the Senate presented to him a silver bowl, in 1939, and a silver tray, in 1941. Answering the call of the citizens of the First Maryland Congressional District, he ran for the high public office of representative in the Congress of the United States. In the primary election he defeated Ex-Congressman Ward, and in the general election he took the measure of Senator Wilmer Fell Davis. While serving in the House, Representative Roe was active on the Post Office and Post Roads Committee of the Seventy-Ninth Congress. All during his term of office he strove to carry into effect the requests of his constituents and was continually advocating economy. As a voter on the House floor and in committee meetings, he was noted for his independence and straightforwardness.

In addition to his business and political interests, Congressman Roe is active in numerous organizations. He serves as a director of the Delaware Railroad Company, and holds membership in the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce of Baltimore. In connection with his interest in the Democratic party, he has attended two national conventions, once as a delegate, in 1928, at Houston, Texas, and again as an alternate at Chicago, Illinois, in 1932. In 1920 he was made one of the Visitors and Governors of Washington College and

has served on that body since. Fraternally, Representative Roe is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and takes part in the work of the Lions Club. In religious preference he is an Episcopalian, and, since 1912, he has served as a vestryman of St. Luke's Parish of the Episcopal Church. For many years he has taught in the Sunday school, and he has served several terms as president of the Interdenominational Sunday School Association of Queen Anne's County. In connection with his religious work, he served as a delegate to every general convention of the Episcopal Church from 1919 until 1943.

Dudley George Roe married Anna J. T. Metcalfe, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Anna, who was born October 16, 1907, and died June 30, 1910. 2. Dudley George, Jr., who was born July 20, 1909, attended Episcopal High School at Alexandria, Virginia, and the University of Virginia, and is now associated with his father in the grain business. He married Elsie Moir, and the following children were born to them: i. Dudley George, III. ii. Alexander Moir. iii. Katherine Anna. 3. Brown Metcalfe, who was born September 26, 1911, also attended high school and college in Virginia, studying at the Virginia Episcopal School at Lynchburg and at the University of Virginia. He married Barbee Humphreys, and they became the parents of the following children: i. Brown Metcalfe, Jr. ii. Page Kenly. 4. William Medford Dudley, who was born January 3, 1922, was graduated from Sudlersville High School and the McDonough School in Baltimore, in 1943, received a degree at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland, during World War II studied at the Harvard School of Business as a member of the United States Navy and served in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He is now holding the rank of lieutenant. He married Elizabeth Phillips, of Virginia, and they became the parents of one daughter, Jane Randolph Roe.

On October 27, 1948, the Hon. Dudley George Roe was married, by the Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall, Chaplain of the United States Senate, at Washington, D. C., to Edith Eugenie Welch. She has long been a symbol of service to and within the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Washington. She is a native of Washington and a member of St. Alban's Church. Since their marriage they have lived in the Roe residence on the banks of the beautiful Sassafras River in Georgetown, Maryland.

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**WILLIAM RABON HOWELL, Ph. D.**—By profession an educator, Dr. William Rabon Howell rendered over forty years of distinguished service in secondary school and college teaching and administration, prior to his present appointment as trial magistrate for Kent County, to which he was appointed by the Governor of Maryland in 1947. A Georgian by birth, Dr. Howell was born in Decatur County, February 27, 1881, son of Elijah Howell, who was a mechanic and farmer, and his wife the former Mary Virginia Spear.

He holds the degrees of Bachelor of Philosophy from Milligan College in Tennessee, received in 1904; Bachelor of Arts from the same institution, in absentia, 1905; Master of Arts from Yale University, in 1908; Bachelor of Divinity, also from that university, 1909. He took graduate studies for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Yale University, 1909-1911, and attended summer sessions at Columbia University



during 1926 and 1927. His degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Social Economics was granted by the American University in Washington, D. C., in 1929.

The teaching and administrative positions held by Dr. Howell during his career as an educator have been: professor of Greek and Latin, Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, North Carolina, 1904-1905; vice principal and professor of Greek and mathematics, Raeford Institute, Raeford, North Carolina, 1905-1906; professor of philosophy and education, Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, 1911-1913; professor of Latin and mathematics, Beckley Institute, Beckley, West Virginia, 1913-1918; principal, Beckley Institute, 1916-1918; principal, Consolidated District School, Attapulugus, Georgia, 1918-1919; professor of philosophy and economics, Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, 1921-1923; professor of political and social science, Washington College, 1923-1934; professor of economics and sociology, Washington College, from 1934 to the present time. In addition, Dr. Howell was professor of education and psychology at Alfred University, Alfred, New York, during the summer sessions of 1929 and 1930. He was registrar of Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, from February 1, 1927 to September 1, 1946.

While continuing his professorship in economics and sociology at Washington College, Dr. Howell's broad experience and exceptional learning in a variety of fields recommended for him public office; and on May 1, 1947, he was appointed by the Governor of Maryland as trial magistrate for Kent County, which office he holds to the present time. He has been associated with two banks as stockholder: formerly with the Beckley National Bank, Beckley, West Virginia, and at present with the Peoples Bank of Chestertown, Maryland.

During World War I, Dr. Howell served as chief clerk of the Raleigh County, West Virginia Draft Board. He is a Thirty-second degree member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland, and is a Past Master and affiliated with the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His fraternities are Lambda Chi Alpha, social; Omicron Delta Kappa, honor society; and Pi Gamma Mu, recognition society in social science. His clubs are the Chester River Yacht and Country Club of Chestertown, and the Rock Hall Minute Men's Club, of Rock Hall. He is a member of the Church of Christ.

Dr. Howell is the author of a publication, "The Government of Kent County, Maryland," which was published in 1931.

At Evansville, Indiana, September 3, 1918, Dr. William Rabon Howell married Zorayda Matthis Brents, daughter of Josiah Milton and Sarah Elizabeth (Munford) Brents.

**PIERRE NAPOLEON LE BRUN**, president of the Cecil National Bank of Port Deposit, is one of the leading citizens of this community. He is, and has been for some years, chairman of the Cecil County Welfare Board, and for many years has been to the fore in the Boy Scout movement. During World War II he served on many boards.

He was born July 5, 1896, in Montclair, New Jersey, the son of the late Michel Moracin and the late Maria Olivia (Steel) Le Brun. His father was a native of Philadelphia, and a successful New York architect; his mother a native of Brooklyn, who taught for a time in Brooklyn Seminary.

Pierre Napoleon Le Brun attended Montclair Academy, from which he graduated in 1915. He was active

on the football and basketball teams while in the academy. He then entered Amherst College and continued his studies there until they were interrupted by his enlistment in the United States Navy during World War I. He was assigned to duty on the USS "Tanager." After receiving his discharge, he returned to Amherst and graduated there in 1919, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During the next two years he gained his first banking experience in the Farmers Loan & Trust Company and the Chase National Bank. At the end of that time he entered Columbia University for a year of postgraduate work. In 1922 he came to Port Deposit to teach mathematics in the Tome School for Boys, and continued to do so until 1925, at which time he entered the employ of the Cecil National Bank. His first position was as clerk, but he was steadily promoted and in 1933 was made vice president and a member of the board of directors. In 1945 he became the president of the Cecil National Bank. Mr. Le Brun holds the diploma of the American Banking Institute, received on completion of the Institute's training some years ago, and he is well-known in banking circles, being especially active in the Maryland Bankers Association, of which he is a past treasurer, and in Group Three of that association, of which he is a past secretary and past chairman. He is a director of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Cecil County.

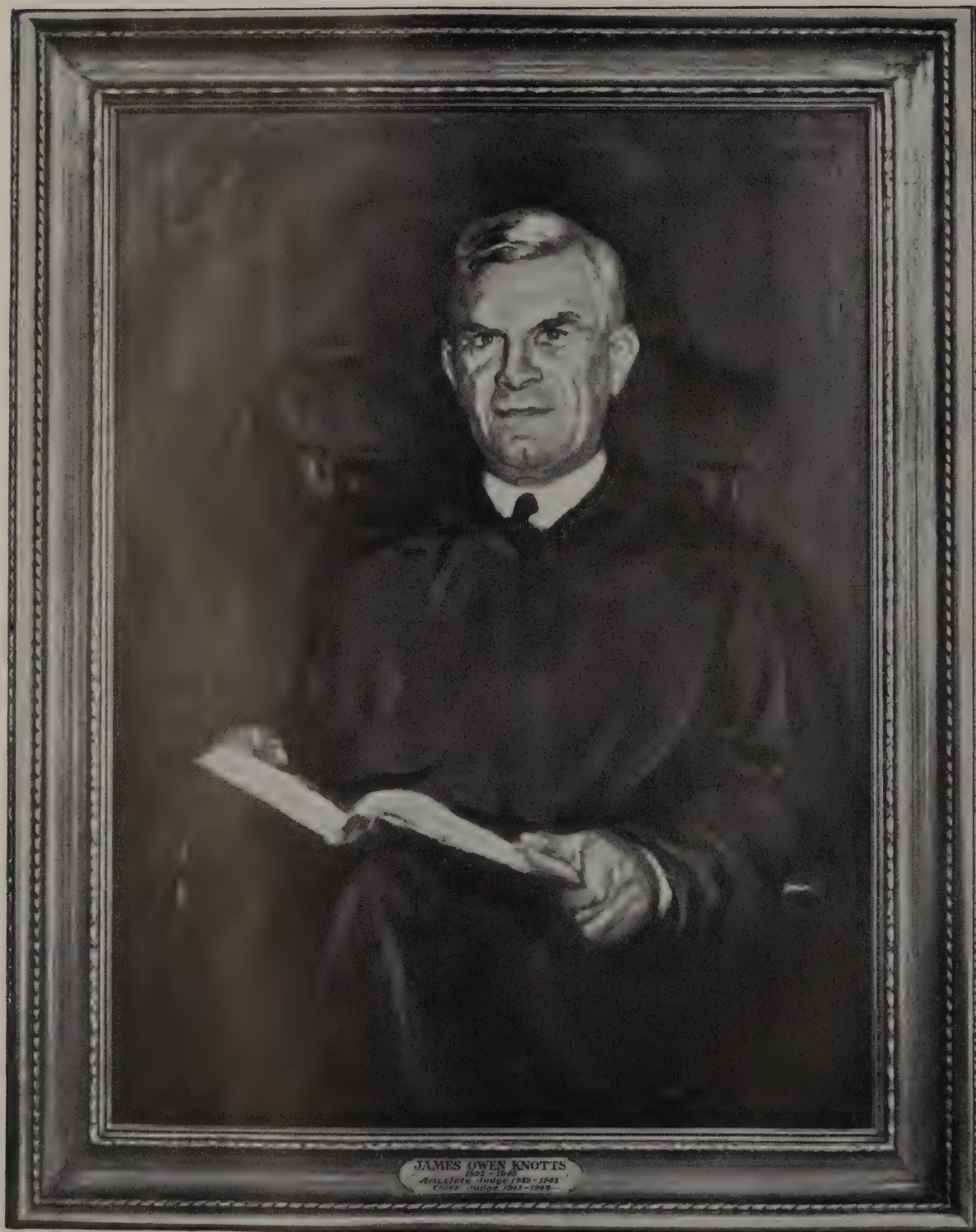
For the past twenty years Mr. LeBrun has been active in the Boy Scout movement, serving first as assistant scoutmaster, then as scoutmaster, and finally as district commissioner. He has been the recipient of the Ad Altare Dei and the Silver Beaver awards. For some years he has filled the post of chairman of the Cecil County Welfare Board, and during World War II he gave generously of his time to head a number of local war committees and work on many more. He is a director of the Union Hospital, Elkton, Maryland. He is a member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and of the American Legion, and is a Past Grand Knight and District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus. A keen student of history and a descendant of American pioneers, Mr. Le Brun belongs to the Maryland Historical Society and to the Colonial Governors, New Jersey Society of Colonial Wars, and Sons of the American Revolution.

He married, on June 26, 1923, Margaret Eleanor Boyle, a native of Port Deposit. Mr. and Mrs. Le Brun are the parents of four children: 1. Pierre Lajus Le Brun, who married Jeanne McElheny; they have two children, Pierre Remington and Lawrence Paul. 2. Elenor Carey, who married Dr. Richard A. Valente; they have one child Richard Davis. 3. Olivia, who married John F. Urban. 4. Richard Michel.

**HOWARD IRVING CHAPELLE**—A many-sided career is that of Howard Irving Chapelle. He has been a naval architect and engineer, soldier and author, and prominent in the fields of history and research. Since 1940 he has lived at Town Point, his present home site being selected after extensive travel along the Eastern Shore as a spot of great natural beauty.

Mr. Chapelle is a New Englander by birth, having been born at Tolland, Massachusetts on February 1, 1900, son of I. George and Sarah (Hardy) Chapelle. He attended public schools in New Haven, Connecticut, and Waterbury, Connecticut, and continued his education at the Webb School of Naval Architecture, near New York City. He thereafter was employed as





JAMES OWEN KNOTTS  
1892-1949  
Associate Judge 1943-1948  
Chief Judge 1949-1949



draftsman for William H. Hand, in New Bedford, Massachusetts, then for Charles D. Mower in New York City. After a period of employment with the Albany Boat Corporation at Watervliet, New York, he was engaged as naval architect for the Gibbs Gas Engine Company in Florida, and the West Indies, and for the Cuban Lumber Company, and other concerns. In 1929 he went with John Alden and Company in Boston, Massachusetts, and later with Eldridge McGuinness. Mr. Chapelle entered business for himself as a naval architect in 1934, and except for his period of service in the United States Army, has continued so to the present time.

Mr. Chapelle entered Army service on July 10, 1943, accepting a commission as captain. Becoming chief of the Marine Branch of the Research and Development Division of the Office of Marine Transportation, he set up the initial program for boats for inland waterways, and for military craft in general. During his period of service he advanced in rank to lieutenant colonel, which he held at the time of his return to civilian life in 1947. He remains a lieutenant colonel in the Reserve Corps to the present time, having at various times been recalled to active status.

In 1929, there began a phase of Mr. Chapelle's career which brought him more into the public eye. Long interested in the historical phase of shipbuilding, he produced in that year his first book, entitled "The Baltimore Clipper." Succeeding volumes by Mr. Chapelle are such well-known works as "History of American Sailing Craft," "Old American Sailing Craft," "Yacht Design and Planning" and "Boat Building." He is also the author of a number of articles for various marine publications. "History of the American Sailing Navy" was published on Navy Day, 1949. He has been active in the restoration of old vessels, several with a famous past, such as Admiral Perry's flagship, "The Niagara," and he is currently interested in a possible restoration of the historic "Mayflower." In connection with the first-named ship, he is chairman of a technical committee which has undertaken the project of restoring it. In his work, he is now giving special emphasis to the designing of small boats, and of commercial vessels.

Mr. Chapelle's professional affiliations include membership in the Society of Nautical Research, the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, and the Pacific Marine Society. He is a member of the editorial advisory staff of "The American Neptune." For outstanding services rendered during his Army career during World War II, he was awarded a Commendation Ribbon and Oak Leaf.

The site of Mr. Chapelle's present home is a one hundred and eighty-five acre estate, situated at Town Point. It was named "Tolland" after the town in which he was born.

On July 16, 1935, Howard Irving Chapelle married Alice C. Connolly of Quincy, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of a daughter, Ann.

**J. OWEN KNOTTS, LL.D.**—As a member of the noteworthy professional coterie of Denton and Chief Justice of the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland, the late J. Owen Knotts, LL.D., made important contributions to the annals of law in both the County and the State. Judge Knotts was a distinguished jurist, an unselfish public servant, and he rendered brilliant service to and for Maryland.

He was born May 28, 1892, in Queen Anne's County, son of Louis J. and Agnes (Lynch) Knotts. After attending local schools and the Randolph-Macon Aca-

demy, Front Royal, Virginia, he became a student at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, before entering the University of Maryland, at Baltimore, where he was graduated in 1914 with the degree Bachelor of Laws. He received the honorary degree Doctor of Laws, from his alma mater in 1946, which recognition has come to but few judges in the State.

Admitted to the bar shortly after leaving the University of Maryland, in 1914, Judge Knotts established a general law practice in Denton, Caroline County, that was continued to 1933 with exceptional success. During these years he acquired a loyal clientele and made a host of friends. In 1933 he was appointed Associate Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, of Maryland, by Governor Albert C. Ritchie, and in the following year was elected to this bench for a term of fifteen years. As the Honorable J. DeWeese Carter stated during Memorial Services before the Circuit Court for Caroline County, April 4, 1949:

So distinguished and capable was the performance of his duties that after the death of Chief Judge Shehan in 1940, Judge Knotts was earnestly solicited by Governor Herbert R. O'Connor, as well as by members of the Bench and Bar of this State, to accept the appointment of Chief Judge of this Circuit, which at that time automatically included membership on the Court of Appeals of Maryland. This appointment Judge Knotts, after careful consideration, declined, feeling it would terminate his intimate and cherished associations within the Circuit. . . . Upon the creation of a separate Court of Appeals in 1945, Judge Knotts became Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit.

Thereafter he continued this public service so well carried on for the previous decade. He was chairman of the executive committee of the Judicial Council of Maryland. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention held in 1932, at Chicago, having been a Democrat of long standing.

The Honorable Mr. Carter further observed on the day of Memorial Services in Denton, if Judge Knotts had any hobby it was his Court. He did seek relaxation but only infrequently, and that in the form of fishing along the Choptank River, or in reminiscing with friends on the Courthouse green of times and people long gone. One of his greater interests was the local Bar Law Library, which he developed and maintained. Its excellence is an ever present testimony to his sound selection of the large assortment of text books, encyclopedias, digests and reports. Judge Knott was a member of the Caroline County Bar Association, serving as its president in 1943, and of the Maryland State Bar Association, being its vice president, 1937-1938. His professional fraternity was Alpha Tau Omega. He was affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Denton Rotary Club, serving the latter as president in 1926-1927. A member of the Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, he acted as such from 1933 to 1939, and he was a director of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association and the Easton Memorial Hospital, Easton, Maryland. He worshipped in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church.

J. Owen Knotts married the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Alfred and Janie (Bratt) Smith, of Talbot County, both of whom are deceased. Judge and Mrs. Knotts became the parents of the following children: 1. Margaret, who attended Holton Arms School, Washington, D. C., and Briarcliff Junior College, Ossining, New York; she married George F. Huber Jr., of Wilmington, Delaware, and is the mother of a daughter, Margot. 2. Mary Ann, a graduate of Tower Hill School, and Connecticut College for Women; she married Captain Quentin R. Walsh, of the United States Coast Guard, and they have three children: Quentin R., Jr., Bronwyn, and James Owen Knotts Walsh. 3.

James Owen, a graduate of Culver Military Academy, now an undergraduate at the University of Maryland.

Judge Knotts died January 27, 1949, at Denton. He brought to his judicial duties great ability, quiet and unselfish devotion, loyalty to a great task, integrity and sturdy independence. These, it has been said, are the attributes of a great judge, without which there can be no justice. Many were the testimonials to J. Owen Knotts on April 4, 1949, the day of Memorial Services at Denton. Citations have been made of some of these remarks and as a fitting summation we give the concluding statement made by Chief Judge William Raymond Horney:

I learned to know him and to love him from my association with him on the Bench. The many fond memories I have of him I shall treasure always. During the course of that association, I soon learned that Judge Knotts had four principal interests in life, among many others.

Above everything he loved the God that gave him life, and was ever thankful for the life he had been given. He was a devout Christian in every sense of the word, and, though perhaps unnoticed by many, for he was most unpretentious, he made daily effort to lead a Christian life, and did so. And in so doing, he yearned to see a Christian spirit manifested in those he came in contact with.

He also loved his native land. He was never happier than when he was engaged in the performance of some service for the good of his Country, his State or his County. He was a learned and successful lawyer, and he carried these same attributes with him when he was elevated to the Bench. As a jurist there are few who were his equal. He was a strong disciplinarian, yet he was always unbiased and fair in the performance of his judicial duties, which he performed with an unusual sense of understanding. And, although he was firm in his convictions as to right and wrong, he, nevertheless, had the ability to temper justice with mercy, a quality most becoming to a member of the judiciary.

Further, he was a devoted husband and father, and brother, as the members of his family who survive him well know. As between himself and them, they came first always. And he loved his home. He was never happier than when, the day's duties done, he could retire to the seclusion of his home, and be with his loved ones.

And last, but by no manner of means least, he loved his fellowman, truly and with deep compassion, particularly those who had not been blessed with the good things of life as others more fortunate had been. Surely no virtue is more worthwhile to possess than the love and compassion that a man may have for his fellowman, and Judge Knotts had that virtue.

The memory of him in this community, and in the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland, and indeed throughout the State of Maryland, will forever remain in the minds of all of us who were privileged to know him, to labor with him and, in our leisurely moments, to enjoy life generally with him. The example of his life that he has left us as a heritage may well be the guiding-star for those of us who remain to carry on where he left off in the profession he loved and did honor to both as a lawyer and as a jurist.

A further tribute was paid on October 3, 1949. On that day the family, of which Dr. E. Paul Knotts (q.v.) was the formal representative, presented to the Circuit Court for Caroline County, at Denton, a portrait of J. Owen Knotts, painted by Mrs. Mary Marshall of Lewes, Delaware. In accepting this memorial, Chief Judge Horney observed that Judge Knotts was the only elected jurist in the one hundred and seventy-five year existence of Caroline County, all others having held office by appointment. He also said:

It is mete and right that his portrait should find a place here in this Temple of Justice that he loved so sincerely . . . we need not remind you that it was Judge Knotts who was principally responsible for the air of refinement, simplicity and dignity that this Court room affords us. . . .

Time is a fleeting thing, and men's minds are so constituted that they may not long remember what we may say here, but this portrait of our late, beloved Chief Judge, as it does now, shall in the years ahead abide here where it ought to be as a mute witness of our love, respect and esteem of him whose likeness it is, not only for ourselves, but for those who shall inevitably follow after us.

**CAPTAIN LEVI B. PHILLIPS**—The Phillips Packing Company is one of the largest packing establishments in the United States. Levi B. Phillips,

marine captain, pioneer oyster packer, banker and retired industrialist, was one of the founders of the immense processing corporation that ships its products all over the world. His life was an admirable example of the truth that the man who is motivated by the urge to accomplish, to improve his lot, to lead rather than follow is likely to make his mark in the world. Without any special initial advantages, Captain Phillips won his way to high place in his community and State not only for his success in business, but as a public-spirited citizen of Cambridge.

Levi B. Phillips was born at Golden Hill, Dorchester County, Maryland, on November 21, 1868, son of George W. and Mary Elizabeth (Leonard) Phillips, being a member of a large family of which only a brother, Colonel Albanus Phillips, survives. Conditions in the two decades following the War Between the States prevented many a youth from obtaining the education that the boy of that period might desire. It was so with Levi B. Phillips, and after attending the public schools he began earning his own livelihood. By the early 1880s he was well started in sailing and the oyster business, and before he had reached his majority was master of a vessel. When twenty-four years of age he built his own schooner at Cambridge, and engaged in the Atlantic Coast to the British West Indies trade. He sailed out of Chesapeake Bay, freighted to coastal ports, and continued his interest in the oyster trade.

In 1898 Captain Phillips sold his schooner and began a larger scale oyster packing business in Cambridge, under the firm name of Levi B. Phillips and Company. He was the sole owner of this business and met with marked success. Prior to 1902, Captain Phillips, Colonel Phillips, and Mr. Winterbottom, each operated oyster packing plants, but in that year they formed the Phillips Packing Company and began the processing of canned vegetables. Later the Phillips Hardware Company, the Phillips Can Company, the Phillips Oil Company and other subsidiaries or separate companies were formed in which all three of these business leaders were identified. Such in brief is the story of the rise of a truly "big" business, whose name and products are well-known in many parts of the globe.

Aside from his connection with business, Captain Phillips was prominent in other phases of activities. He was influential in the councils and campaigns of the Republican party in the State and county without being ambitious for public office. He was president of the National Bank of Cambridge for years, and was also a former vice president of the American Bankers Association, a former director of the Baltimore branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Virginia. Fraternally he was affiliated with Cambridge Lodge, Number 66, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was a past master, member of the Hayward Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Commandery, Knights Templar, and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Baltimore. He was also a member of Cambridge Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and other organizations. Captain Phillips was a former president of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce; and honorary member of the Rescue Fire Company of the city; one of the organizers and the first president of the Cambridge Country Club, and a charter member of the Bishops Head Gun Club. He enjoyed sports, was fond of fishing and was a welcome figure in social groups. He was a member of the Society of the War of 1812. He was a lifelong com-







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municant of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and served long and well on the board of trustees of Zion congregation.

On July 23, 1895, Captain Levi B. Phillips married Florence T. Brannock, daughter of Joseph and Mary Eugenia Brannock, who was born at Church Creek, Dorchester County, November 16, 1876, and died November 19, 1946. She was a member of the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Women's Club, and always took a great interest in the civic affairs of her community. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips became the parents of the following children: i. Florence M., a graduate of local schools, and Ogontz School, Rydal, Pennsylvania, who married William F. Williamson, and is the mother of three children: i. Fletcher Phillips, born in Cambridge; graduate of local schools, and attended the University of Maryland, became a test engineer with the Glenn L. Martin Company before joining the United States Army, where he served in the Ordnance Department in the Ammunition Development Laboratories at Aberdeen, and in the European Theater of Operations, receiving his discharge in 1946; now associated with the Cockran Ice Cream Company. He has done considerable research work in ballistics and has a range built under his home; is a member of all the leading gun associations in America; member of Cambridge Lodge, Number 66, Free and Accepted Masons, Hayward Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He married Betty J. Stokes, daughter of Harry K. and Mary E. (Woolley) Stokes, and they have a son, Jeffery R., born September 30, 1945. ii. William F., 2nd. iii. Lee Mowbrey. 2. Viola Lee, attended local schools and a graduate of The Birmingham School, Pennsylvania; she married Carlton S. Brerewood, who is engaged in the insurance business. 3. Levi B., Jr., born November 18, 1905, graduate of Cambridge grade and high schools, after which he joined his father in the Phillips Packing Company, and now serves as vice president of the concern, and also is vice president of the Phillips Hardware Company; has served as a director of the Cambridge National Bank; is vice president and a director of the Cambridge Hospital. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Cambridge Lodge, Number 66, Free and Accepted Masons, Hayward Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Cambridge Commandery, Knights Templar, and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Cambridge Yacht Club. He is a Republican and attends Zion Methodist Episcopal Church. On February 1, 1930, he married Cora May Schaffer, daughter of Charles R. and Sadie M. (Parks) Schaffer, and they have three children: i. Cora Lee, born April 15, 1931, graduate of Cambridge High School, class of 1948. ii. Priscilla May, born May 23, 1937, attending local schools. iii. Joyce Schaffer, born December 19, 1940, attending local schools.

Captain Levi B. Phillips died on April 7, 1945. "For many years" wrote a contemporary, "he was regarded as one of Dorchester County's foremost citizens, and always took an active part in the upbuilding of this community, serving on many boards and commissions for the erection of public schools and county and municipal buildings. He will be greatly missed in this community. He left a record of broad accomplishment and useful service of his generation, and by his achievements, character and personality made the lives of many fuller, and better. His memory is one that long will be cherished."

**ETHYL HOWARD ROWE** (Mrs. George Washington Rowe), of Elkton, is curator of the Cecil County Historical Society, and that city's leading present-day historian, having made important contributions to the annals of the Eastern Shore, of which locality she is at present compiling a history.

Mrs. Rowe was born Ethyl Alice Howard, in Elkton, April 30, 1882. She is a daughter of Harry D. M. and Sarah Elizabeth (Rowand) Howard, her mother being previously the widow of Thomas Gilpin. Mrs. Rowe is also a lineal descendant of Augustine Herrman. She received her early education in the Elkton Academy and high school, and at Sacred Heart Convent, Eden Hall, Torresdale, Pennsylvania. She married, April 24, 1905, in Allendale, New Jersey, George Washington Rowe, of Hampton, Virginia, and is the mother of two children: 1. Marion Ethyl, born February 5, 1906. 2. Gertrude Jane, born July 15, 1907.

Long a member of the Cecil County Historical Society, Mrs. Rowe is now its curator; and is at the present time engaged in the compilation of material for a book: "Head of Elk," a history of Elkton. Mrs. Rowe is a Democrat in her politics, and has been at various times affiliated with the Roman Catholic and the Episcopal churches. She makes her home in Elkton.

**HOWARD MONROE HARRIS**—Among the most progressive farmers of the Eastern Shore of Maryland is Howard Monroe Harris, president of the Caroline County Farm Bureau. He operates a farm which has been in the Harris family for more than a century and upon which he, his father, and his grandfather were all born. Mr. Harris has sixty thousand broiler chickens and also raises wheat, corn, soy beans and tomatoes on his two hundred and thirty-four acres. He is a member of a number of local organizations and is very active in community affairs.

He was born on the family farm near Preston, in Caroline County, January 31, 1899, son of Joseph Patchett and Sara Etta (Cox) Harris, both natives of Caroline County and both now deceased. Joseph Patchett Harris, who was a canner as well as a farmer, was born in 1871. One of the earliest experimenters in the production of commercial baby chicks and broilers, the elder Mr. Harris first tried artificial brooding of chicks in 1889. In his early endeavors in poultry production, he was assisted by his brother, Hudson M. Harris. Three years after his initial endeavor, Joseph Harris built a twelve-by-twenty-four-foot house for baby chicks, and again experimented in artificial brooding. He installed a hot-water heating system, probably the first to be used in poultry raising. His early endeavors, however, were a financial failure, and it was 1912 before Joseph Harris again experimented with artificial brooding. Throughout the years of World War I, although his chief occupation was canning tomatoes, Mr. Harris continued with determination to discover a way to raise large numbers of fowl for delivery in the winter and spring seasons. In 1919 he achieved mass production with what was called a "colony house." By 1921 he had a half dozen such poultry houses, and by 1923 they numbered twelve. To keep these twelve houses filled with baby chicks required the productive capacity of four different hatcheries. Mr. Harris built the first known hundred-foot broiler house, which inaugurated a thriv-



ing broiler business. Joseph Patchett Harris died July 11, 1938.

His son, Howard Monroe Harris, attended the local public schools, graduating from Preston High School, and for two years was a student at the University of Delaware, where he belonged to Sigma Nu fraternity. As a boy he had become familiar with farm management, and after leaving the university he remained with his parents and helped his father in operating the family's acreage. In 1928 he purchased a half interest from his father and they farmed it together until his father's death in 1938. Since that time Howard M. Harris has operated it himself. His farm and that of his aunt have been in the Harris family for more than a hundred years. His grandfather was the first man in this vicinity to build a storehouse for sweet potatoes, and his father was a pioneer in the business of raising broilers for the market. Like his father and grandfather, Howard M. Harris is a pioneer, and his chief interest lies in developing new methods of agriculture. He has always been an active member of the Farm Bureau, and is now its president. He raises wheat, corn, soy beans, and tomatoes, but like his father specializes in the raising of broilers of which he has some sixty thousand.

Mr. Harris is a director of the Provident State Bank. He served in 1946 as president of the Preston Parent Teacher Association, and in 1947-1948 as president of the Preston Lions Club. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Preston Lodge, No. 207, of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master, and he is a member of the Caroline-Dorchester Past Masters Association. He was formerly affiliated also with the Improved Order of Red Men and with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. During his university days, Mr. Harris had two years in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. In politics, Mr. Harris is a Democrat, and his religious ties are with the Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a leading member. He is church treasurer and a member of the official board, serves as teacher of the men's Bible class in the Sunday school, and for the past four years has been a delegate to the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Harris is a member of the Talbot Country Club, and is very fond of golf, and also of football.

On June 11, 1929, Howard Monroe Harris married Maggie Kathleen Pursell of Wakefield, Virginia, daughter of D'Arcy and Annie (Robinson) Pursell. Her father was born in Southampton County, Virginia, in January, 1876, and died in June, 1928. Annie (Robinson) Pursell was born in Wakefield, Virginia, in August, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Harris are the parents of three children: 1. Joseph Pursell, born April 5, 1933. 2. Wayne Rodman, born April 24, 1937. 3. David Eugene, born January 27, 1940. All were born near Preston, and all are now attending the local schools.

**ARTHUR A. HOUGHTON, JR.**—An executive prominent in commercial circles in New York City, Arthur A. Houghton, Jr., has found the Eastern Shore an ideal location for establishing a homestead. He has entered fully into its affairs, his contributions being particularly notable in the cultural realm, for he is an authority on books and on library organization. In 1947 he undertook the restoration of Old Wye Church at Wye Mills. The restoration was

completed, and this historic church re-dedicated, on July 13, 1949.

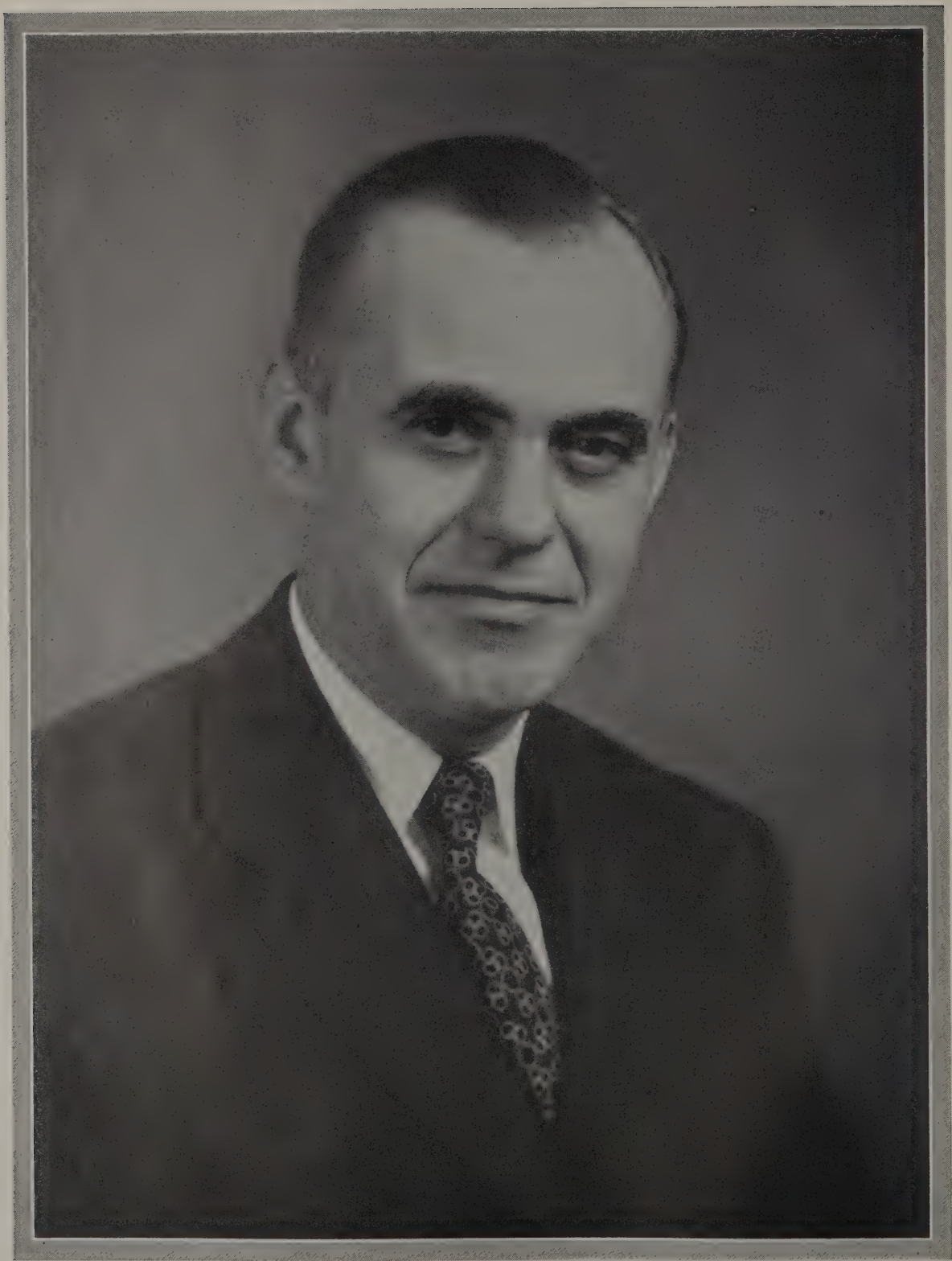
Mr. Houghton was born in Corning, New York, on December 12, 1906. He is the son of Arthur Amory and Mabel (Hollister) Houghton. Mr. Houghton received his early education at St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, where he was in attendance from 1920 to 1925. He then entered Harvard College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1929. In that year began Mr. Houghton's connection with the glass manufacturing industry. He started work with the Corning Glass Works in his native city, being first in the manufacturing department, later in the treasury department. In 1930 he became assistant to the president; and from 1935 to 1942 held the position of vice president.

In 1940 Mr. Houghton became Curator of Rare Books at the Library of Congress. He has always been an authority on this subject, of which he has made a special study, and in connection with which he is a member of a number of learned organizations. In 1942 Mr. Houghton volunteered for service in World War II and was commissioned captain in the United States Army Air Forces. He served on the staff of the Army Air Forces Intelligence School from 1942 to 1944, becoming chairman of the Academic Planning Board. During 1944-1945, he was assigned to the Technical Service Command, as Control Officer for the Eastern District. At his retirement in 1945, he held the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Mr. Houghton is president and director of Steuben Glass, Inc.; a director of Corning Glass Works, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, Investors Management Fund, Fundamental Investors, Inc., and other corporations. He is active in the cause of good education, and in many organizations of a cultural purpose. He is a trustee of the Parsons School of Design (New York), the Institute of Contemporary Art (Boston), the French Institute (New York), the Queen Anne's County Library (Maryland) and the New York Public Library; president of the Shakespeare Association of America; vice president of the Keats-Shelley Association of America; Fellow for Life of the Metropolitan Museum of Art; Patron-Founder of the Poetry Society of America; Fellow in English Bibliography of the Library of Congress; life member of the Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities and the Maryland Historical Society. Mr. Houghton is also a member of the Visiting Committee of Harvard University Library, the Advisory Committee of Princeton University Library, the Library Committee of the New York Public Library, the Advisory Committee of the Folger Shakespeare Library, the Advisory Council of the Library of Congress, the Council of the Grolier Club, the National Council for Historic Sites and Buildings, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Society of New York Hospital, the Bibliography Society of London, the American Bibliography Society, the Modern Language Association, the American Library Association, the American Chemurgic Society, and the St. George's Society, the Library Committee of the Union Club, the Library Club of French Institute, and the Advisory Committee of the Yale Editions of the Private Papers of James Boswell; and is chairman of the Council of Fellows, the Pierpont Morgan Library.

Mr. Houghton's clubs are the Century, Union, Harvard, Knickerbocker, Metropolitan, Grolier, The Coffee House, all of New York; the Harvard Club of





*Jack F. A. Culver, Jr.*



Rochester; the Club of Odd Volumes of Boston; the Philobiblon of Philadelphia, the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club and the Corsica River Yacht Club. He is an Episcopalian.

Arthur A. Houghton, Jr., is married to Elizabeth Douglas McCall. He has four children: Jane Olmsted, Sylvia Bigelow, Arthur Amory, III, and Hollister Douglas. His residences are 3 Sutton Place, New York City; 22 West Third Street, Corning, New York; and Wye Plantation, Queenstown, Maryland. His office address is 718 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, New York.

**JACK F. A. CULVER, JR.**—As co-publisher of the "Democratic Messenger," Jack F. A. Culver, Jr., of Berlin and Snow Hill, is distinguishing himself as one of the leading journalists in this region. His honest and straightforward presentation of the news, and progressive business management have earned for him a sterling reputation among his many friends and business associates.

Mr. Culver was born March 5, 1905, at Princess Anne, Somerset County, son of Frederick Austin and Jessie (Smith) Culver. His father, who was born March 16, 1887, at East Princess Anne, Maryland, served as magistrate of Berlin, Maryland, was active as deputy sheriff of Somerset County, and was engaged in farming operations. In politics he prefers the Democratic party. The mother, a native of West Princess Anne, was born April 28, 1886, and died February 19, 1937.

Jack Culver received his elementary training in the public school at Princess Anne, and was graduated from Washington High School there in 1922. He then entered Washington College, where he studied for an additional two years.

After finishing his formal education, Mr. Culver became associated with the newspaper business, working for several years with the Associated Press, and the "Baltimore Sun." For several years after 1927, he was connected with newspapers in Wilmington, Delaware, and Bridgeton, New Jersey. In 1930 he took over the ownership and operation of the Berlin and Ocean City "News." After two years of successful operation at Berlin, he came to Snow Hill and became associate editor of the "Democratic Messenger." He held this position for thirteen years, building up the paper into one of the most popular weeklies in the state. In 1945 he headed a corporation that purchased this paper and has continued to operate it since. The paper has gained added respect and significance since Mr. Culver took over its management. In a recent contest, sponsored by the Maryland Press Association, the "Democratic Messenger" won second place among all weekly newspapers in the state of Maryland. Individual awards won by the "Democratic Messenger" were first prizes for the best front page, and the best written newspaper story of the year, and second prizes for the best use and production of photographs, the best editorial promotion stunt, and the best editorial. For this honor, Mr. Culver and the paper earned the plaudits of the mayor, and city council of Snow Hill. Mr. Culver acts as head of the paper, and president of the company which was formed to run it. William G. Kerbin, Jr. is vice president, and Violet T. Culver is a director of the company. In addition there are six employees.

Mr. Culver plays an active role in many aspects of community life. He is a director of the American Press Association, holds memberships in the Maryland

Press Association, the Del-Mar-Va Press Association of which he was president in 1946, and belongs to the Berlin Business Men's Association and the National Editorial Association. He holds directorships in the last two prominent groups. Associated with the Boy Scouts of America, he is a former scoutmaster for the region including the towns of Berlin, Chestertown, and Princess Anne. He belongs to the Red Men of Snow Hill, and is active in the Rotary Club there. He also is a director of the Lions Club, and the Lions Den Country Club at Berlin. In politics a staunch Democrat, he is active in party work as a member of the State Central Committee, to which he was elected in 1946, for a four-year term.

In June, 1947, Governor William Preston Lane, Jr. of Maryland appointed Mr. Culver as a member of the Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College, Chestertown, for a term of six years.

On June 29, 1936, at Berlin, Jack F. A. Culver, Jr., married Violet Timmons, daughter of John L. and Carrie (Richardson) Timmons, the former a native of West Berlin, and the latter a native of Wicomico County. Mr. and Mrs. Culver became the parents of one child, Starr Culver, who was born April 10, 1937.

**WILLIAM BARGER USILTON, III**—One of Maryland's outstanding publicists is William Barger Usilton, III, co-publisher and editor of the "Kent County News" of Chestertown. This local paper has been edited and published for more than a century by the same family, having appeared as the "Kent News" until it was merged with the "Chestertown Transcript" in January, 1946. Mr. Usilton brings to his task as co-publisher and editor of this small but influential paper a wide variety of experience in the publicity and advertising business, and he plays an active role in both the Del-Mar and Maryland press associations. For three years he served as publicity director for the State of Maryland.

He was born September 5, 1907, at Chestertown, the son of William Barger Usilton, Jr., and the late Hannah (Moslin) Usilton. She was a native of Kent County, born August 12, 1879, and died October 23, 1947. William Barger Usilton, Jr., was also a native of Kent County and was born August 22, 1869, the son of William Barger and Mary Frances (Frazier) Usilton. He is now treasurer of the "Kent County News," having been associated with the old "Kent News" in every capacity, including that of editor; and is a member and past president of the Del-Mar Press Association and a member of the Maryland Press Association. Mr. and Mrs. William Barger Usilton, Jr., are the parents of two children: William Barger, III, and Nancy Jean, who married William P. Ellington. She is the mother of one son, William P., Jr.

William Barger Usilton, III, attended the Chestertown public schools and graduated from Chestertown High School in 1925. He had played on the high school basketball, track, and soccer teams, and at Washington College, which he entered with the class of 1929. He was likewise active in athletics, being a member of the college basketball, football, track, and lacrosse teams, and president of the Varsity Club. He was also president of the Mount Vernon Literary Society, a member of the Student Council, and of Kappa Alpha fraternity. He graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and considerable experience in a wide variety of activities. During the summers of his college years he had served as swimming coach at Camp Red Cloud, in Binghamton, New York.

After graduating from Washington College in 1929, Mr. Usilton spent three years in New York City in the publicity and advertising department of Radio Keith Orpheum. Then, in 1932, he returned to Chestertown and went to work on the "Kent News." During the past sixteen years he has worked for the "News" in almost every capacity. He became its manager in 1936. From 1939 to 1942, on the appointment of Governor O'Connor, he occupied the post of publicity director for the state of Maryland, and succeeded in bringing the assets and charms of the state to a very wide public attention. He served as president of the Del-Mar Press Association in 1939, and is a director of the Maryland Press Association.

World War II brought an interruption of Mr. Usilton's journalistic career and an enrichment of experience. He went into the United States Army on March 15, 1943, and, in September of that year, was sent to the European Theater of Operations and assigned to the 20th Corps, Third Army, as a staff sergeant in the infantry. During the next two years he was in Central Europe, Normandy and northern France, in the Battle of the Bulge called Ardennes, and the Rhineland offensives. He received the unit merit award and the Bronze Star. Upon being given his honorable discharge on November 19, 1945, Mr. Usilton resumed his duties with the "Kent News," which, in January, 1946, was merged with the "Chestertown Transcript," the new paper being known as the "Kent County News." Mr. Usilton is co-publisher and editor of this enlarged enterprise. He is a member of the American Legion and serves on the executive committee of the local post. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and by political affiliation a Democrat.

He married, on July 2, 1933, Evelyn Perry of California.

**MILES TAWES TULL**—One of the most brilliant and promising young men that Maryland has ever produced was the late Miles Tawes Tull, twenty-six-year-old Secretary of State for Maryland, whose career was cut short by drowning in 1941. The entire state was shocked by the tragedy, which occurred on a fishing excursion in the lower waters of the Pocomoke River. Mr. Tull, who was a graduate of the University of Maryland Law School, practiced law in Somerset County, and had served some three months as Maryland's Secretary of State under Governor Herbert R. O'Connor.

Born at Marion Station on August 27, 1915, Miles Tawes Tull was the son of Harding Parker and Nellie (Tawes) Tull. Both his father and his grandfather played a prominent role in Democratic politics in the county and state. His father, the late Harding Parker Tull, was born at Marion Station February 12, 1878, the son of N. J. P. and Jennie (Miles) Tull. After attending the public schools of Somerset County and taking a commercial course in a business school in Baltimore, Harding Parker Tull at the age of twenty-one was elected sheriff of Somerset County. Later he became the head of an influential Democratic group within the county, which for years was affiliated with the political organization of Governor Ritchie. All his life Mr. Tull continued to be prominent in Democratic politics. Meantime he had developed important business interests as well. He founded the canning firm of H. P. Tull & Company, and was actively interested in farming and in the sale of produce. He married in Crisfield on February 23, 1904, Nellie

Tawes of Crisfield, and they had two sons: Harding Parker Tull, Jr. and Miles Tawes Tull.

Miles Tawes Tull attended the public schools of Marion Station, graduating from Marion High School. He then became a student at the University of Maryland and graduated from the Law School of that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He practiced law in Somerset County and was counsel for the Marine Bank of Crisfield. He was also associated with his father in H. P. Tull & Company and in the produce brokerage business. While still a student, Mr. Tull, who from boyhood up had taken a keen interest in politics, helped to organize the Democratic Club of the University of Maryland, and he later served as chairman of its board of governors. A year after he graduated from the University of Maryland Law School, in the summer of 1938 he managed the O'Connor-for-Governor headquarters at Ocean City, showing marked talent in this field.

Mr. Tull took an active part in community affairs, both in Marion Station and in Crisfield. He was a member of Trinity Methodist Church at Marion. He belonged to the Crisfield Rotary Club and Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally was affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Tull was sworn in as Secretary of State for Maryland on May 15, 1941, being one of the youngest men ever appointed to this office. He was to serve the state only three months. Said Governor O'Connor, by whom he was appointed: "Miles Tull was one of the most promising young men I have ever known. Intelligent and capable, he stood at the threshold of a brilliant career."

On June 25, 1941, he was married to Kathryn Barnes, a native of Pocomoke City, who was then living in Crisfield. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. John T. Rowleson, pastor of Asbury Church, Lawsonia.

Less than seven weeks later, on August 17, 1941, while on a fishing craft with a group of relatives and friends cruising in the lower waters of the Pocomoke River, young Mr. Tull lost his balance while leaning over the rail of the craft to fill a bucket of water, and fell in. Since he was a strong swimmer, little concern was felt at first, but the accident occurred in Cedar Straits, which was swirling with strong tide currents. Henry Ennis, a member of the party, went to his rescue, as did Mrs. H. P. Tull, Jr., but all efforts failed and Mr. Ennis nearly lost his own life, being hauled aboard the small yacht in an unconscious condition. Mr. Tull's body was not found until early on the morning on the second day, despite constant search. After the use of six blasts of dynamite, it was discovered floating on the water some two miles from the scene of the tragedy.

Shocked at the sad occurrence, the entire state of Maryland grieved at the death of Miles Tawes Tull. Governor O'Connor and many Maryland officials attended the funeral services at Marion Station. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery. Newspapers throughout the state did honor to the brilliant young official in their editorial columns. One such editorial was as follows:

Tragedy stalked suddenly what was considered the most promising career of any young man in Maryland on Sunday afternoon, when Secretary of State Miles Tawes Tull was drowned in the deep waters of the Pocomoke River. The sudden ending of such a career, when the young man was just a few days short of his twenty-sixth birthday, has cast a pall of sorrow over the entire state of Maryland, and that pall has hung most heavily here in lower Somerset County, where he was pointed to with admiration by hundreds and thousands of his fellow citizens.





Miles T. True









*H. P. Linn*



Miles T. Tull—in his short lifetime—had already attained a place in the respect and confidence of Maryland citizens that few attain at twice his age. Miles's characteristics were indicative of great leadership, and bespoke a brilliant future; but fate, tragedy, calamity, stepped in, and his young and brilliant prospects faded in less time than it takes to relate the story of the tragedy.

However, Miles T. Tull left an imprint on a wide circle of friends that will not soon be erased, for he was a leader without bigotry; was friendly without much gusto; was brilliant, without smartness; was virile in spirit of action, without being caustic; was talented, without being cocksure; was a fighter who hit above the belt, and above all else was a dutiful son, brother and husband, who brightened a home where shadows are now deep and dark, because of his early passing.

It is impossible to foretell to what heights Miles Tawes Tull would have risen in the esteem of his fellow men, his was such a well-founded beginning, but his sorrowing family and friends have the consolation—though fate took the upper hand and ended his life while the dew of morning still wet his brow—that his years were spent unselfishly, and his desire to be of service was inspired by the wide confidence in him reposed by those in whose midst he lived, and will remember him with tenderest affection.

**HARDING PARKER TULL, JR.**—Not only has Harding Parker Tull, Jr., been successful in building up a general insurance business in the town of Crisfield and the surrounding area, but he also operates a two-hundred acre farm in his native Marion, together with a large, thriving poultry and produce business there, and manages a cannery at Kingston which during the busy season employs a force of one hundred and fifty persons. Mr. Tull makes his home in Crisfield, and is active in many local organizations.

He was born in Marion, February 22, 1905, the son of Harding Parker and Nellie (Tawes) Tull, the former born in Marion, February 12, 1883, and died August 17, 1946 in Crisfield, Maryland, the latter born in Crisfield February 19, 1883. Harding Parker Tull, Sr. was a farmer, canner of vegetables, and produce broker at Marion. He was a Democrat by political affiliation and served as sheriff of Somerset County early in the century. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The late Miles Tawes Tull (q.v.), a brother of Harding Parker Tull, Jr., served as Secretary of State for Maryland.

Harding Parker Tull, Jr., attended the public schools of Marion and Crisfield High School, from which he graduated in the class of 1922. After a year at Western Maryland College, he became a student at Bryant and Stratton Business College in Baltimore, where he took a practical business course, graduating in the class of 1924. He then worked for a year in the state auditor's office in Baltimore. The following year, in 1926, he entered into the partnership of Tull & Sterling, thus forming a firm which represented most of the large insurance companies, handling general insurance. Mr. Sterling, his partner, died in the early thirties, and Mr. Tull continued to operate the business from then on under his own name. He also engages in general farming on his farm of about two hundred acres at Marion, and produces about one hundred thousand broilers and fryers every year on this farm. He operates a produce business at Marion, which buys fresh fruits and vegetables, and a cannery at Kingston, where one hundred and fifty persons are employed during the busy season. Mr. Tull is a director of the Marine Bank of Crisfield. He is a Rotarian and past president of the Crisfield Rotary Club, serving 1938-39. He also belongs to the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, is a past president of Crisfield Junior Chamber of Commerce, member of the Maryland Association of Insurance Agents, and the National Association of Insurance Agents, and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons, being an initiate of all

the Masonic bodies including the Thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is a member of the Trinity Methodist Church of Marion and serves on the board of trustees.

He married at Halethorpe on February 23, 1927, Elsie Lee Carson, a native of Crisfield and the daughter of Lee Roy and Elsie (Riggin) Carson, the former a native of Baltimore, the latter of Crisfield, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Tull have one daughter, Janet Lee, born December 5, 1929, in Crisfield, and now a student at the University of Maryland.

#### **WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH MACKALL—**

An imposing figure in his day, in the civic and business life of Elkton, William Hollingsworth Mackall is yet remembered in that city as a banker and public official, as a community leader and mayor, and as a friend who kept always in his heart the welfare of his fellow townsmen.

Mr. Mackall was born at Ingleside, Virginia, January 4, 1859, and was the son of Dr. Richard Covington and Isabel (Hollingsworth) Mackall. Dr. Richard Covington Mackall was born January 14, 1822 and died February 16, 1902. Mrs. Mackall was born July 19, 1830, and died January 22, 1893. The couple were married January 2, 1855.

Their son, William Hollingsworth Mackall, was educated at Elkton Academy and West Nottingham Academy, having been brought to the Eastern Shore as a child of four. He graduated in 1879 from Lafayette College. Striking out into a business career, he became president of the Scott Fertilizer Company, and was subsequently executive vice president and a director of the National Bank of Elkton. He was also associated with several other business organizations as director. At the height of his business career, about 1914, the citizens of Elkton elected him their mayor, and he served in this position until his death, November 7, 1926. In political affiliation he was a Democrat. A devout and active churchman, he served the Trinity Episcopal Church as a vestryman, senior warden, and treasurer.

William Hollingsworth Mackall married, at Port Deposit, December 15, 1881, Helen Sappington Evans. She was born November 5, 1856, and died June 28, 1940. They were the parents of two children: 1. John Evans Mackall, born December 7, 1882, died April 4, 1912. A graduate of the University of Delaware, he received his medical degree from the University of Maryland, and practiced in North Carolina, in charge of Atlantic Coast Line Hospital at Rocky Mount, and in Elkton. 2. Isabel Hollingsworth Mackall, born March, 1886, at Elk Landing, Maryland; educated in private schools and in Wilson College; is very prominent in Daughters of the American Revolution, the Cecil County Historical Society, and the Women's Club. She married, June 1, 1910, Henry Seeds Young, of Wilmington, Delaware, and they have two children: 1. Isabel Mackall, born August 3, 1913, who married William Forrest Donigan of Brookline, Massachusetts. Mrs. Donigan attended Elkton schools and graduated from Stuart Hall at Staunton, Virginia. Her advanced education began at William and Mary College, but she is a graduate of Louisiana State University. 2. John Mackall Young, born June 19, 1915, attended Elkton schools; Charlotte Hall Military School, Charlotte Hall, Maryland; then Louisiana State University. He is the father of one son, Carleton Mackall Young.

**EUGENE LANGRALL MILES**—Associated with the Baltimore National Bank since its organization in 1933, Eugene Langrall Miles is now president of that institution. He is well-known throughout Maryland and once served on the State Commission on Higher Education. He is a veteran of World War I.

Mr. Miles was born in Baltimore on October 15, 1889, the son of Francis Warner and Evalina (Langrall) Miles. His father was a member of the firm of J. Langrall and Brother, packers of canned goods. At the time of Mr. Miles' birth, his family were living in Oxford, and continued to make Oxford their home until he was six years old, when they moved to Baltimore. He was educated in the city's public schools and in 1907 was graduated from Baltimore City College.

On November 1, 1907, Mr. Miles entered the banking field in which he has become an outstanding figure. He served in various capacities in several banks up to the organization of the Baltimore National Bank in 1933. At that time he was made vice president and cashier of the bank and in January 1937, was elevated to the presidency.

Always interested in civic endeavors as well as in educational and other cultural pursuits, Mr. Miles was appointed by Governor O'Connor in 1946, a member of the Maryland State Commission on Higher Education. He holds memberships in the Reserve City Bankers, American Banking Association, Maryland Banking Association, and the Baltimore Association of Commerce. He is a member of the Masonic Order, the Maryland Club, the Merchants Club of Baltimore, the Baltimore Country Club, and Eastern Shore Society. His World War I service began soon after the United States entered that conflict in 1917. He was sent to the Officers' Training Camp and, graduating as a first lieutenant, served with that rank in the Seventy-first Infantry of the Seventy-second Division.

On February 9, 1918, in Baltimore, Mr. Miles married Helen Elizabeth Winter, daughter of Frank A. and Elizabeth (Lanahan) Winter. Mr. and Mrs. Miles are the parents of a daughter and two sons: 1. Betty Miles Fusting, born on January 7, 1919. 2. Eugene Langrall Miles, Jr., born on March 17, 1922. 3. Jerome Francis Miles, born on July 17, 1932.

**NELLIE CHARLOTTE WESTCOTT**, since 1933 manager of the Maryland State Employment Office in Chestertown, is also a well-known journalist who finds time to turn out newspaper copy that is often widely quoted. Her newspaper contributions, her work with the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations in Kent County and her post with the State Employment Office have brought her into intimate contact with all sides of community life, and she has made a place all her own in the upper Eastern Shore region. She is a member of the advisory board for the history of "The Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia."

Mrs. Westcott was born as Nellie Charlotte Schneider, July 2, 1887, at Gaithersburg, in Montgomery County. She, however, moved away from Maryland as a child and was educated in the public schools of Brooklyn and Poughkeepsie, New York. She studied piano for a number of years and, being gifted musically, later taught piano in Poughkeepsie. On June 11, 1910, she married Frederick Blanchard Westcott, a native of New Jersey, who had been born March 1, 1876. He was for years an accountant for the Clarke

Thread Company. In 1920 they moved to Rock Hall, Maryland, and farmed until 1927; then they came to Chestertown, where Mr. Westcott was associated with the Russell Motor Company until his death on January 29, 1939. Mr. and Mrs. Westcott were the parents of two children: 1. Dorothy Folger, who married Edward H. Gouldner; she is by a previous marriage the mother of one son, Frederick Lewis Daugherty. 2. Helen Blanchard, who married T. Ridgley Baker, and they have a daughter, Anne Ridgley Baker.

Mrs. Westcott served as executive secretary for the Kent County Chamber of Commerce and was also secretary for seven organizations. More than twenty-five years ago she began writing a column for the "Chestertown Enterprise," excerpts from which were often picked up and quoted by American papers with a much wider circulation. While working with the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations, she had material published in numerous daily papers. She also edited a children's page for the "Eastern Shore Churchman," a publication of the Easton Episcopal diocese. In 1933 she became manager of the Maryland State Employment Office and has served in this capacity ever since, through the various vicissitudes of the office, which has at times been under federal, and at times under state control, and at one period was consolidated to cover five counties. At the present time it is under state jurisdiction and covers Kent and Queen Anne's counties. Mrs. Westcott is a member of International Public Employment Services. She is also a member of the Descendants of Stuckly Westcott Association.

**THE CORKRAN FAMILY**—Occasionally the study of a family enterprise, such as that of the Corkran family, of Rhodesdale and Hurlock, interests and stimulates us; as we find a closely knit and co-operative group revealing the interplay of varying personalities, and the uniting of their efforts in the furtherance of common aspirations.

Mr. Levin N. Corkran, born in Salem, Maryland, had been a merchant at Ennals, Maryland for a number of years, and in 1888 moved with his family to the Rhodesdale section of Dorchester County. He had an inclination toward farm life, and as he found the soil there to be good and his efforts rewarding, acquired more land, coming to specialize in the cantaloupe market. In this specialty, he was one of the pioneer growers on the Eastern Shore. His sons, as they grew up, caught some of his wholehearted enthusiasm. One, Daniel C., rented one hundred acres from his father in 1897, and built a home on the south side of the road. Another son, Levin Otis, rented the balance of the land from his father, and chose as his homestead site a location directly across the road from his brother Daniel, where he erected a pleasant home. The father, Levin Corkran, having now retired from working his acreage and contented to see his sons continuing the project which he had begun, built a home of his own in the village of Rhodesdale. The mother, Levin N. Corkran's wife, is Mary Elizabeth Marvil Corkran.

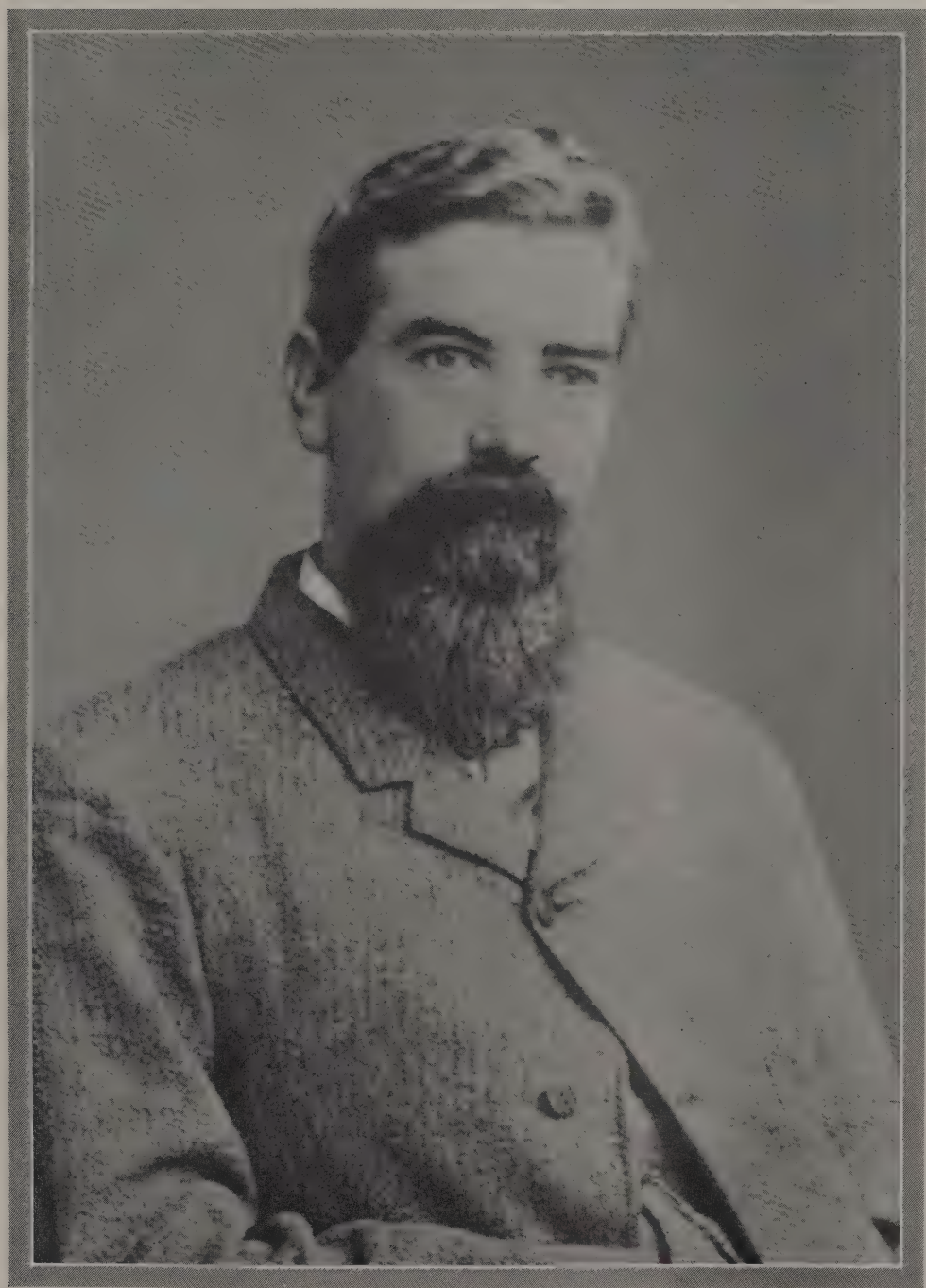
The two brothers, completely unlike in temperament, continued to operate their farms in their respective ways, and each successfully. Daniel C. Corkran was of the more conservative nature, remaining on his one hundred acres for many years, and by skillful management prospered well. He raised a large family, and it was not until the early 1920s that he bought three other farms near Hurlock, which his oldest son operated.







MARY ELIZABETH MARVIL CORKRAN



Levin N. Corkran









L. O. C. C. C.



*Daniel C. Barker*





Levin Otis, on the other hand, was the progressive, with an eye to extending his holdings, developing new methods; he found no content in the static. But he too was a good farmer, and this, combined with his acquiring of much land, which he devoted to the raising of cantaloupes, gained him the title of "The Cantaloupe King." He was an experimenter, both with new machinery and new methods; and his active, never-contented mind brought him also into participation in community affairs and political doings. He served as member of the Maryland House of Delegates for a time, and also as a Dorchester County Commissioner. He was also a director of the old Citizens Bank of Hurlock; all this while acquiring and fully utilizing twelve hundred acres of tillable land. In recognition of his accomplishments, Levin Otis Corkran was honored by the Pennsylvania Agricultural Department by being made a Master Farmer. He received from the University of Maryland in June, 1941 a citation reading: "In recognition of his meritorious services in promoting the development of agriculture and the interest dependent thereon."

He was married in 1910, to Charlotte Thompson of Dorchester County. However, they had no children. In 1936, his nephew D. Edward (q. v.), the son of his brother Daniel, became associated with him in his extensive farm interests, assuming more of the responsibilities as time passed.

Daniel C. Corkran, who, in addition to his farming interests, was director of the County Trust Company of Hurlock, married, November 27, 1897, Mary E. Wright, of Hurlock. They became the parents of six children: 1. Emory B. 2. Orville W. 3. Sarah Elizabeth, born July 5, 1903. 4. D. Edward. 5. Philip. 6. William O. Of each of the sons, a separate biographical sketch appears. Sarah Elizabeth married T. Hamill Smith of East New Market. They have three children: i. T. Hamill, Jr. ii. Sarah Marr. iii. William Corkran. All were born at East New Market. Daniel C. Corkran died August 15, 1935, at Rhodesdale, Maryland.

As will be seen from the individual records of these children, Philip returned home to operate his father's farm, while Edward was responsible for the management of his uncle Otis'. A third brother, Emory, with the two above mentioned is now assisting in the operation of all the lands of Daniel C. and Levin Otis under the trade name of Chesterfield Farms. Thus it is seen that the original acreage with which Levin N. Corkran began, over sixty years before, had been retained in this family, and had been multiplied many times in area and fruitfulness.

**EMORY BRYAN CORKRAN**, oldest son of Daniel C. and Mary E. (Wright) Corkran, was born at Rhodesdale, December 13, 1899. He graduated from Hurlock High School, thereafter attending Goldey Business College and, for two years, Maryland State College at College Park. He preferred agriculture, however, and returned to his father's farm, remaining there until 1924. That year, the year of his marriage, he moved to his present home just outside Hurlock, undertaking the operation of four farms owned by his father at this location. In 1935 he joined efforts with his brother Philip (q. v.), the two operating all of the father's holdings together until 1938. In 1944 the entire acreage of Daniel C. and L. Otis Corkran was combined and operated as one unit: Chesterfield Farms.

A progressive farmer, Emory Corkran keeps informed on the most modern techniques and developments. He is a member of the Farm Bureau. He is

a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has a record of service to his country, as he served in the S. A. T. C. during World War I.

Emory B. Corkran does not fit the outmoded picture of a farmer exhausted at the day's end. For recreation, he prefers sports—no one sport, but all kinds.

On January 17, 1923, he married Hazel Benson, of Hurlock, daughter of William D. Benson. They are the parents of two children: 1. Emory Bryan, Jr., born August 31, 1923. He graduated from Hurlock High School and Goldey Business College, and became associated with his father and uncles in farming. He served for thirty-one months in the United States Army, of which time twenty-one months were spent in General MacArthur's headquarters in the southwest Pacific. He was discharged, with the rank of technician fourth grade, in 1945, and has been active on the farm since. He married Ann Isenberg of East New Market. 2. Mary Louise, born January 7, 1926, has graduated from Hurlock High School and from Goldey Business College.

**ORVILLE WRIGHT CORKRAN** is one of the two brothers who did not choose farming as a career. Yet these two, in their own endeavors, reveal the strong family tendency toward co-operative effort. It was Orville W. who first launched the accounting and insurance activities, and his business in Hurlock, operated under the name of O. W. Corkran and Company, has prospered, and has made its founder one of the business leaders of that community.

Born at Rhodesdale, November 14, 1901, Orville W. Corkran received his secondary education at Hurlock High School, after which he attended Goldey Business College in Wilmington. He continued his studies in this field, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Maryland in 1926.

Entering the accounting field on graduation from the university, he has remained in it since, and is a Certified Public Accountant of the State of Maryland. He audits the accounts of many of the most important firms on the Eastern Shore, and in addition has developed a general insurance business, writing all types of policies except life. His brother William O. is associated with him in the company.

Prominent in business circles, Orville W. Corkran is director of the County Trust Company at Hurlock, and member of the Maryland Association of Insurance Agents. He has served on the town board of Hurlock. He belongs to the Lions Club, of which he is a past president; and to the Hurlock Skeet Club. He worships at the Washington Methodist Episcopal Church.

Orville W. Corkran married, on April 14, 1927, Mary Louise Cooling of Baltimore. They have two children: 1. Robert William, born at Hurlock, October 12, 1928, now attending the University of Maryland. 2. Nancy Wright, who was born June 5, 1943, at Hurlock.

**D. EDWARD CORKRAN**—Although beginning his career as a teacher, D. Edward Corkran was attracted to the management of the large farming interests of his family. He is not too preoccupied with these interests, however, to participate fully in community affairs and organizational activities.

Born at Rhodesdale, May 9, 1905, D. Edward Corkran was the fourth child, and third son, of Daniel C. and Mary E. (Wright) Corkran. He attended local schools in Rhodesdale, and high school in Hurlock,

thereafter enrolling at the University of Maryland, where he took his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1927. In the fall of that year he began teaching at Eldorado High School, remaining there for two and a half years. His next appointment was at the Hurlock High School, where he taught social subjects for a period of five and a half years.

In 1936 he left teaching and became associated with his uncle, Otis Corkran, in the management of the latter's farm. As his uncle's health began to fail, he took a larger share of the responsibilities. Finally he entered into partnership with his brothers, renting all of the family farm lands from his mother and aunt, and operating them to the present time.

The largest crop, as has been the case for many years, is cantaloupes; but there are under cultivation each year many acres of cucumbers, asparagus, tomatoes, peppers, sweet potatoes, corn, wheat, rye, and oats. In addition, there is extensive raising of flowers: twelve acres of peonies, four acres of daffodils, giving an example of the extent of this cultivation. About one hundred persons are employed on the modern, well-equipped and well-kept farms.

D. Edward Corkran takes an active part in community life, and is a member of the Farm Bureau. He is past master of the Choptank Lodge No. 138, at East New Market, and is past president of the Past Masters Association of Dorchester and Caroline counties. He is a member of the Chesapeake Consistory and Boumi Temple of the Shrine. He attends the Methodist Church, and is a Democrat in his political views.

On November 26, 1930, D. Edward Corkran married Anna Price of Queen Anne's County, daughter of M. M. Price, Sr. They are the parents of one son, D. Edward, Jr., born July 29, 1937, at Hurlock.

**PHILIP CORKRAN** has balanced educational and agricultural pursuits in his career, and maintains an interest in both, though since the formation of Chesterfield Farms he has made farming his occupation. He serves in civic capacities, and is also interested in organizational activities designed to improve rural conditions.

Born January 21, 1909, at Rhodesdale, Philip Corkran began as an educator when, after graduation from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1929, he accepted appointment in a Vocational High School in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. Here he was principal, and taught agriculture as well, from 1929 to 1935. In the latter year, the death of his father occurred, and he returned to the home farm to operate it. At the time of the formation of Chesterfield Farms, he joined his brothers, and has been engaged in the joint management of their enterprise since then.

He is vice president of the board of directors of the Truck Growers Association of Dorchester County; and works very closely with the county agriculture agent and farm agencies in promoting worth-while improvements in farming conditions. His continued interest in education is evidenced by his serving the Parent Teacher Association as its vice president. He is also president of the Hurlock Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and an independent Democrat in politics.

On June 15, 1932, Philip Corkran married Dora G. Derr of Hughesville, Pennsylvania. They have two children: 1. Shirley Ann, born December 8, 1936. 2. Phyllis Derr, born September 25, 1940.

**WILLIAM OTIS CORKRAN**—Engaged in the accountancy and insurance business with his brother, under the firm name of O. W. Corkran and Company, William Otis Corkran also maintains interest in the farming operations of his other brothers.

A native of Rhodesdale, where he was born May 17, 1913, he is the youngest son of Daniel C. and Mary E. (Wright) Corkran. He attended Hurlock High School and Strayers Business College in Baltimore, thereafter attending Johns Hopkins University where he received his degree of Bachelor of Science in 1934. He then returned to Hurlock and became associated with his brother, Orville W. Corkran in accountancy and insurance.

However, it is difficult for a Corkran to stay too far away from farming, and since the establishing of Chesterfield Farms in 1938, William Corkran has participated in their development, his activities thus bridging the two predominant family interests.

During World War II, Mr. Corkran served in the United States Army Air Force as a gunnery instructor with the rank of sergeant, being in the service from 1943 until 1946. His activities in Hurlock include the Lions Club. He is a member of the Washington Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

William Otis Corkran married, June 18, 1938, Hazel Derr, of Hughesville, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of one child, Sue Ellen, born May 25, 1947.

**EARLE W. OREM**—Prominent for many years in the field of newspaper publishing, active in politics and in business connections, and maintaining a lively interest in community life and club affairs, Earle W. Orem has enjoyed a long career in Cambridge, marked by a great vitality and a variety of accomplishment.

He was born in the Town Point district of Dorchester County on August 3, 1877. His father, Calvert, who was born near Vienna, had been a farmer and later fertilizer manufacturer, in Cambridge, and had married Emma Johnson, a resident of the same community. Earle W. Orem was educated in the public schools. His first employment was as agent with the Wheeler Transportation Company, with which he remained for seven years. He then, in partnership with Sewell M. Johnson, purchased a local newspaper, "Democrat and News." This venture, begun June 1, 1901, was operated as a partnership for seven years, after which period Mr. Orem purchased Mr. Johnson's interests; and he has continued ownership and publication of the paper.

The "Democrat and News" has a long and honorable history in Dorchester County. Established in 1838, it has been published without interruption since that date and has, indeed, undergone only three changes in ownership. It has enjoyed a long-time and well-deserved acceptance as a voice of Dorchester County's citizens; and is issued weekly at Mr. Orem's extensive printing plant. This plant also does a large volume of job printing, and gives full-time employment to nine persons.

Coming into prominence first as the publisher of this paper, Mr. Orem found that the confidence imposed in him led quite naturally to the acceptance of other responsibilities. During World War I, he operated the insurance business of Mr. J. Richard Smith, under power of attorney, while Mr. Smith was serving in the armed service. Always active in the Democratic party, he was elected mayor of Cambridge in 1916, being re-elected thereafter and serving with distinction in this office over a period of sixteen years, retiring in



1932. During his administration, many changes resulted in the betterment of the community: the present city hall was built; the fire department was enlarged and its equipment modernized; the laying out of many new streets kept pace with the growth of the community; the system of sewers was enlarged; the city acquired property for subsequent use as a municipal park. In all ways, this was a period of community betterment, beautification, and growth.

During World War I Mr. Orem had been appointed by Governor Harrington a member of the Council of Defense; and he has also served as fuel administrator of Dorchester County. At present he is serving his second term as member of the board of education. He is now prominent also in business connections, being director of the Peoples Bank and secretary to the board.

Mr. Orem belongs to the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, and to the Rotary Club. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and a past master of Cambridge Lodge No. 66. He is also charter treasurer of Lodge No. 1272 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He also enjoys membership in the local yacht and country clubs. A loyal member of the Christ Episcopal Church, he served it for twelve years as vestryman.

On September 23, 1903, Earle W. Orem married Birdsel Drain, of Cambridge. She was the daughter of William F. Drain, cashier of the National Bank of Cambridge and his wife, the former Louise Creighton. Mr. and Mrs. Orem are the parents of three children: 1. William Earle, a graduate of Cambridge High School, now associated with the "Democrat and News"; married to Elizabeth O'Neil of Seaford, Delaware. 2. Reginald C., graduate of Cambridge High School and St. John's College, Annapolis; he spent seventeen years with the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, and is now with the "Democrat and News"; he married Hazel Robinson of Cambridge, and they are the parents of six children: Reginald C., Jr., Creighton, Louis, Regina, Hazel, and Leah. 3. Louise, married to William F. Champlain and mother of two sons, William F., Jr., and Anthony.

**WILLIAM BLANCHET SPIVA**—For nearly half a century, William Blanchet Spiva has been president of the Bank of Somerset in Princess Anne, and of its predecessor, the Savings Bank of Somerset County. His work in this connection has been highly valuable to the community, where the role that he has played in the financing of local people and their business and industrial interests has been outstanding.

Mr. Spiva was born January 4, 1874, in Pocomoke, Maryland, son of Absalom and Henrietta M. (Fedeman) Spiva. His father, born in Hertford, North Carolina, was a harness maker by trade, and served in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States. The mother was born in Accomack County, Virginia.

Public schools of Princess Anne, provided William B. Spiva's early formal education through the high school grades. In March, 1888, he became a telegraph operator with the Pennsylvania Railroad, continuing until November, 1889, in that capacity. He then joined the Savings Bank of Somerset County, in Princess Anne, as a clerk, became assistant cashier in 1895, and cashier in 1900. Continuing as cashier until 1929, he became president on March 18, of that year, assuming the duties which

he has continued to execute down to the time of writing. Since 1903, the institution has borne the name of the Bank of Somerset.

Not only is Mr. Spiva president and a director of the bank, but he has also taken a lively interest in general banking affairs as a member of the American Bankers Association and the Maryland State Bankers Association, as well as of Group Number 6 of the State Association. He is a vestryman in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On September 13, 1921, in Princess Anne, William Blanchet Spiva married Harriet Murphy, born in Upper Fairmount, Maryland, daughter of the Reverend Oliver H. and Sarah Dashiell Murphy, both natives of Maryland, the mother born in Princess Anne. Mr. and Mrs. Spiva became the parents of the following children: 1. William Blanchet, Jr., born March 2, 1925, in Princess Anne, served for two years overseas as an infantryman in the Eighty-fourth Division in World War II. 2. Harriet Waters, born September 19, 1927.

**FRANCES LANKFORD TAYLOR**—Descended from many generations of notable Eastern Shore ancestors, Miss Frances Lankford Taylor has contributed much on her own behalf to their creditable records of achievement. She has been an educator all her life, and is the author of historical books relating to the Eastern Shore.

Born at the home of her maternal grandfather, the Hon. Benjamin F. Lankford, October 5, 1873, Miss Taylor is a daughter of Thomas William and Susan (Lankford) Taylor. Her parents' residence, at the time of her birth, was Onancock, Virginia. Her father was engaged in the lumber business, and was also a public accountant. During the Civil War, he served as a soldier in the Confederate States Army, and was throughout his life active in politics and in church work. On the paternal side Miss Taylor is related to the Balls, Newtons, Steptoes, Taylors, Lees and Carters of Virginia. Her maternal grandfather, at whose home near Crisfield she was born, was a delegate to the Maryland Senate at the time it was locked up to prevent the state's legislative body from passing the Ordinance of Secession. Hon. Benjamin Lankford had held nearly every position of trust in his county, and served fourteen sessions in the Senate and House of Delegates. A forebear on the maternal side came to Maryland with the first Lord Baltimore. Designated as "John Lankford, Gent." he was made high sheriff, and was granted sixteen hundred acres of land on Lankford's Bay, in consideration of "good and faithful services performed unto" Lord Baltimore. He was a member of the Privy Council and Assembly from 1642 to 1650.

Miss Taylor's early education was obtained entirely in private schools. She attended the Onancock Academy, the Margaret Academy (which dates back to the year before the American Revolution), and, prepared for advanced studies, completed her education at the University of Virginia and William and Mary College.

She has been engaged throughout her career in educational work. For twenty years, Miss Taylor taught history in the Onancock High School; and she taught the same subject in the Capeville High School for fifteen years. She is now on the retired teachers' list of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Her lifelong interest in the subject which she has taught,

and the field in which she has imparted enthusiasm to a generation of students, has borne fruit in the publication of two books: "Highlights in Eastern Shore History," and "History of the Episcopal Church on the Eastern Shore of Virginia." She also wrote the chapter on the Virginia Eastern Shore in Swepson Earle's "Chesapeake Bay County" and the chapter on Accomack County in Dr. McConnell's "Virginia's Part in the World War." The annals of her own locality have always held a particular interest for Miss Taylor. She is the author of historical articles published in the New York "Times," the Richmond "Times-Dispatch," the "Eastern Shore News," and the "Peninsula Enterprise." She has also written and staged a number of historical pageants.

Miss Taylor is a Democrat in her politics. She is a communicant of the Episcopal Church, with which her family has long been associated. A maternal ancestor of Miss Taylor, Colonel William Whellington, moved from Northampton County to Somerset, and it was through him that the Rev. Thomas Teackle organized the old Rehoboth Church. Miss Taylor has always manifested a vital interest in welfare work. During World War II, she was granted an honor medal for over six hundred hours' duty on the lookout post, as an airplane spotter. She also took an active part in the work of the United Service Organizations and the American Red Cross, as well as assisting in bond sales. Regarding her wartime post duty, as indicated above, Miss Taylor was the oldest watcher stationed at her post, being at the time over seventy years of age. She is an honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma educational society. Miss Taylor makes her home in Capeville, Virginia.

**FREDERICK BURDETTE NUTTLE**—Participating vitally and constructively in the civic and commercial life of Denton, the late Frederick Burdette Nuttle became one of that community's outstanding individuals and identified his name with a number of that community's leading enterprises.

Born January 23, 1874, near Andersonstown, Mr. Nuttle was the eldest child of William Blake and Addie F. (Williamson) Nuttle. The Nuttles were among the early English settlers on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, who engaged in farming and became representative in the government of the state. The Williamsons, whose English ancestors had landed in New England, had come from Maine to New Jersey, thence, in 1867, to the Eastern Shore, maintaining land interests in each place.

Mr. Nuttle attended public school near Andersonstown and Williamson's School, and then, with the exception of a few months of the year 1890, which, at the age of sixteen, he spent in the building field in New Jersey with his maternal grandfather, a lumberman and builder in Camden, he farmed with his father. When he became of age (21 years), he acquired a farm of his own on which, with a young man as helper, he kept what was known as Bachelor's Hall.

In 1899, Frederick B. Nuttle and his brother, Frank Lee Roy Nuttle, who had been in the mercantile business with an uncle in nearby Andersonstown, founded The Nuttle Hardware Company, a co-partnership, at Denton. The hardware business grew and in time became a furniture store as well, in addition to handling dealerships in farm implements, automobiles, and tractors. During this time they established the Nuttle Milling Company, which not long afterward the brother took over, while Mr. Nuttle kept the hardware business. Later, Mr. Nuttle and his brother,

each still maintaining his individual above-mentioned interest, joined with their nephew and son respectively, Elias W. Nuttle, to organize a new venture still known at this writing as The Nuttle Lumber and Coal Company. Some few years later, Frederick B. Nuttle retired from the hardware business and subsequently sold his enterprise. In spite of his interest in the newly established Nuttle Lumber Company, Mr. Nuttle was not quite content, and as a result soon instituted the Nuttle Canning Company, a solely-owned proprietorship. He remained active in the commercial life of the Eastern Shore until the time of his death.

Appointed a director of the Denton National Bank in 1916, Mr. Nuttle served in that capacity until his death, a period of twenty-four years. He was a charter member of the Denton Rotary Club and one of its officers. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He was a communicant and an official of the First Methodist Church, Denton. Vitally concerned with the cause of good education in his community, Mr. Nuttle was a member of the building committee named in a bill enacted for the erection of the new Caroline High School in Denton in 1925, and was a trustee of the Denton Primary School. His public services also involved membership on many civic committees and sponsorship of many civic projects.

His businesses were his vocation and his avocation. Blended with these, however, were characteristic hobbies which Mr. Nuttle thoroughly enjoyed. His interest in things mechanical led to The Nuttle Hardware Company having the first local farm tractor agency in the county. Automobiles were a particular hobby with him and he owned one of the first two to come into the community, namely, a Winton. He annually attended the automobile shows, whether in Baltimore or Philadelphia. This hobby later evolved itself into his having as a sideline, at different times, the local Buick and Chrysler agencies. He maintained always the keenest of interest in automobiles, not only in their development, but also in the lives of those responsible for their development. A lover of nature he enjoyed raising, as a novelty, guinea pigs and later pigeons and canaries. He was particularly fond of music, loved listening to good music, and played the accordion, violin, piano, and organ. At the time of his marriage, he was organist in the First Methodist Church in Denton and had, prior to that, been organist in the church of his youth at Potter's Landing. He possessed a natural flair for art, drawing, sketching, designing, and printing. This talent, together with his creative ability, was evidenced in his own architectural plans for and in his personal supervision of the building and landscaping of three homes and in the remodeling of commercial buildings. His active sports interests were mainly trap-shooting and boating. As a member of the Inter-State Trap-Shooters Association, he won many prizes and, in 1917, won the much coveted Team Competition Trophy. Mr. Nuttle's interest in boats led eventually to his building several small boats. The last one, a small motor-powered cabin cruiser, the "AMBA," he named for his children.

On October 24, 1906, Frederick Burdette Nuttle married Mary Hopkins, of Denton, the only daughter of David J. and Mary (Tharp) Hopkins. They had five children: Addie F. Nuttle Clark, Mary Tharp Nuttle Layton, Burdette Nuttle, Dorothy Elizabeth Nuttle (who died in 1918 at the age of eleven months, during the flu epidemic following World War I), and Arthur Hopkins Nuttle. Both of the sons saw active service in World War II.

Mr. Nuttle died suddenly, on May 16, 1940, at his







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home in Denton, a man who had always at heart the welfare not only of the community as a whole, but of its individuals; a man of great vision with a bit of the homespun and a bit of the philosopher about him. He was outstanding in his community because of his character and his integrity and because of the confidence people could and did place in him. He was one of its foremost commercial leaders whose achievements in the world of practical affairs had better enabled him to serve it.

**FRANK LEE ROY NUTTLE**, descendant of a pre-Revolutionary family of planters on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, early acquired a taste for business probably inherited from his maternal ancestors, who were pioneer settlers of the state of Maine.

The son of William Blake and Addie F. (Williamson) Nuttle, who lived near Denton, began his business career in the village store of his uncles, at Andersontown. In partnership with his brother, the late Frederick B. Nuttle, he conducted a large hardware business in Denton for many years. In addition, he operated a milling and feed business here, before he and son, Elias W. Nuttle, The Nuttle Lumber and Coal Company, in which he and his two sons, Elias W. Nuttle and Philip E. Nuttle, are now officers.

While business has been Mr. Nuttle's vocation, banking has been his avocation. The veteran banker attends the meeting of the board of directors of Denton National Bank every Tuesday, regardless of other commitments.

Mr. Nuttle likes to trace his family history, particularly that of his grandfather, Tilghman Nuttle, who voted against secession in that stormy session of the Maryland Senate held in Frederick at the beginning of the Civil War. He recalls that his grandfather, believing that he would be a casualty because feeling ran so high in this border state, sent his gold watch home from the wharf when he embarked at Potter's Landing for that momentous voyage to Annapolis, from where the meeting was removed for reasons of safety. However, Senator Tilghman Nuttle survived the ordeal and lived to vote the straight Republican ticket to the age of ninety years.

Although he has exceeded the allotted span of life, Frank Lee Roy Nuttle has not forsaken the arena for the cloister. He still manages his two large farms and is very much interested in agriculture, particularly in Caroline County, while continuing to contribute to the management of the Nuttle milling and lumber enterprises.

One of Mr. Nuttle's favorite books is Lawrence Sterne's "Tristram Shandy." His choice is not motivated by the esteem in which the classic is held by scholars but by the preface, which contains a reference to a member of the Nuttle family who was a sutler with the English Army in Flanders.

Convinced, like Emerson, that a friend is a masterpiece of nature, Mr. Nuttle has cultivated friendships in all walks of life. He has taught the men's Bible class at First Methodist Church and has fraternized through the medium of the Rotary Club and other organizations.

A chapel in First Methodist Church is a monument to Mr. Nuttle's generous interest in the religious life of his community.

Mr. Nuttle and his wife, the former Miss Martha Emily Everngam, likewise of Colonial English lineage continuing its prominence through the succeeding generations, have found in their native environment an opportunity for happiness and service which has expanded with their prosperity.

**ELIAS WILLIAMSON NUTTLE**—In Maryland and adjoining states, Elias Williamson Nuttle is an outstanding leader in the lumber trade, a business with which he has been identified for practically all of his mature years. As a college graduate, he began his apprenticeship with an old and well-established firm, and was soon the founder of what became a group of enterprises interested in practically all phases of lumber distribution from the purchase of standing timber to the sale of wood products in retail lumber yards. He is president of several companies, carries heavy responsibilities on his shoulders, and at the same time is a civic-minded citizen, an active figure in business groups, fraternities, and clubs.

Mr. Nuttle was born at Denton, on November 2, 1902, son of Frank L. R. (q.v.) and Martha Emily (Everngam) Nuttle, both of whom were natives of Caroline County. Elias W. Nuttle attended local grade schools, Caroline County High School, and the Randolph-Macon Academy at Front Royal, Virginia. He spent a year in Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, and matriculated at Washington College, where he was graduated with the class of 1925, a Bachelor of Science in Economics. At Washington College he was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and the Gold Pentagon. He put to immediate use some of the results of majoring in economics when he started a campaign to persuade students to enter Washington College. After about a year of this work, he entered the employ of E. S. Adkins and Company, of Salisbury, Maryland. After one year, he spent another nine months as a salesman in Delaware, and was a branch manager in 1930, when he resigned to go into business for himself.

The Nuttle enterprises were launched as a partnership of Elias Nuttle, his father, Frank Nuttle, and an uncle, Frederick B. Nuttle, to engage in the lumber business. It was incorporated some time after the death of the uncle in 1940, as The Nuttle Lumber and Coal Company, with branch yards at St. Michaels under the trade title of The Nuttle St. Michaels Lumber Company in 1945. A year later the Nuttle Easton Lumber Company was founded; and, also in 1946, the Nuttle Cambridge Company was started. Of these companies Elias W. Nuttle is president; Frank L. R., his father, and Philip E. Nuttle, a brother are vice presidents; and J. Frank Connelly, secretary and treasurer. Almost everything is included in the line of business from the purchase and sawing of timber to the distribution of lumber and building materials to ultimate consumers within a radius of one hundred and fifty miles. About one hundred and seventy-five people are employed, so that the Nuttle enterprises are important contributors to the prosperity of a number of communities.

Elias W. Nuttle is a highly rated authority on many phases of the lumber industry. He has lectured at Pennsylvania State College on lumber yard arrangements, sanitation, and allied subjects. He is a well-known figure in the Middle Atlantic Lumbermen's Association, as a member, former president, and currently chairman of its committee on education. Through his position in The Nuttle Lumber Company, he is a member of the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association, has served on the committee on education, and is a member of the board of directors. He is a member of the board of visitors and governors of Washington College; and is president of the Denton Parent Teacher Association.

Personal interests of Mr. Nuttle include those as a member and former president of the Rotary Club.

His clubs include the Chester River Yacht and Country Club, the Miles River Yacht Club, and the Talbot Country Club. His fraternal affiliations include: member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; member and past master of Temple Lodge No. 128, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, now serving as treasurer; member of Caroline-Dorchester Past Masters Association; member of Edenton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Chesapeake Commandery, Knights Templar, and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also held an appointive office with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in which he is now a member of the board of managers. A member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he serves on its official board.

On October 8, 1932, Elias W. Nuttle married Mary Eugenia Simpers, of Chestertown, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry G. Simpers. Mr. and Mrs. Nuttle are the parents of a son: Henry Lee Williamson, born November 29, 1939, attending school in Denton.

**PHILIP EVERNGAM NUTTLE**—With a well-established record in business and finance to his credit, Philip E. Nuttle has attained prominence in the life of the county seat of Caroline County. The son of Frank L. R. (q.v.) and Martha Emily (Everngam) Nuttle, he is a native of Denton, born on November 1, 1907, and is descended on both sides of his family from pre-Revolutionary English settlers of Caroline County. He was prepared for higher education in county grade and high schools. After two years' attendance at Washington College, he transferred to Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, where he was graduated with the class of 1929, a Bachelor of Arts. As an undergraduate he participated in many extra-curricular student activities, and broadened his interest in athletics, which has since been continued. Later, in 1943, with a selected group of successful executives, he participated in a then newly conceived Industry Retraining Program of special courses in the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration, at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mr. Nuttle was awarded a Certificate of Special Merit by Harvard for his work in Personnel and Management Controls. The Retraining Program has since been adopted by that famous Graduate School as a regular part of its advanced studies.

The first employment of Mr. Nuttle after completing his undergraduate work at Johns Hopkins was with the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, in Baltimore, where he was promoted to increasingly responsible positions, and, when he resigned in 1943, he was manager of that company's branch offices in New Jersey. As already mentioned, he went to Harvard University during this same year for further graduate work on business management problems. In 1943, Mr. Nuttle joined Walter Kidde and Company as staff assistant to the Director of Industrial Relations. After a year of this association, Philip E. Nuttle, in July, 1944, became secretary-treasurer of the Hospital Service Plan of New Jersey, whose objectives he had been instrumental in furthering during an earlier period. This organization is perhaps better known as the "Blue Cross" Plan, a valued leader in the type of service it renders. Since April, 1947, he has been vice president of the Nuttle lumber companies, and likewise is vice president of the Caroline Timber Company.

In politics Mr. Nuttle is registered as a Democrat without being a politician or seeker of public office. In Denton he is a member of the Rotary Club and the

Chamber of Commerce. As a sportsman he was formerly a member of the Orange Lawn Tennis Club of South Orange, New Jersey, the Montclair Athletic Club, and the Newark, New Jersey, Athletic Club. Since returning to the Eastern Shore, he enjoys the sports at the Miles River Yacht Club and the Talbot County Country Club. He is a tennis enthusiast, and takes an active interest in outdoor sports in general. His college fraternity is Phi Gamma Delta, and he belongs to the Johns Hopkins Club and the Harvard Business School Club, both of New York. Mr. Nuttle has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since early youth.

On September 10, 1938, Philip E. Nuttle married Margaret Henry Penick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Penick of Montclair, New Jersey, and Lynchburg, Virginia; and a great-great-granddaughter of Patrick Henry. They are the parents of three children: 1. Emily Dabney, born in New York City, April 25, 1939. 2. Philip E., Jr., born in New York City, December 31, 1940. 3. Margaret Barksdale, born in Montclair, New Jersey, July 16, 1945. All three children were born while Mr. and Mrs. Nuttle were residing in Montclair. The two older children are now attending local schools in Denton.

**JOHN FRANCIS CONNELLY**—A thorough scholar and successful practitioner in commercial finance and cost analysis, John Francis Connelly of Denton, Caroline County, has been identified with this field for all of his business career. His experience has included accounting, banking, and, in his more recent connection, business management, as an official of the large Nuttle Lumber companies. Born in Chestertown, on September 6, 1894, he is the son of John Francis and Louisa Henrietta (Davis) Connelly, the mother a native of Kent County, and the father, now deceased, having been born in Caroline County, moving when a boy to Kent County, where he was a substantial citizen and former supervisor of assessments.

John Francis Connelly attended the grammar and high schools of Chestertown and entered Washington College where he spent two years. In preparation for a business career, he completed courses in Goldey Business College, majoring in banking and commercial practices. His first employment of importance was with the E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Inc., Wilmington, where he was connected with the service department, mainly assigned to cost accounting and related activities.

In 1922, Mr. Connelly left Wilmington to join the staff of the Citizens Bank, in Chestertown, as cashier. Toward the end of the banking crisis of the early 1930s, the above institution was combined with the Peoples Bank, and Mr. Connelly was associated with the State Banking Commission as a receiver's representative in the liquidation of the resources of various banks and the promotion of rehabilitation activities. In 1937, he went to Thurmont to make an audit and remained with that bank as cashier to 1942. Resigning his post in that year, he became associated with The Nuttle Lumber and Coal Company, in Denton, as credit manager. When this progressively expanding organization was incorporated, Mr. Connelly became its secretary-treasurer, a post he has since filled most capably. He also is secretary-treasurer of the Caroline Timber Company.

Although public-spirited and interested in civic affairs, Mr. Connelly is relatively inactive in politics. He belongs to the Rotary Club and the Chester River Yacht and Country Club. Fraternally he is affiliated





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with Chester Lodge No. 115, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He attends the Episcopal Church at Chestertown, at one time serving as treasurer of the church. His favorite game is golf.

On October 12, 1929, John Francis Connelly married Mary Sharpe Power of Kent County, daughter of Dr. Julian T. and Maria Bedford (Packett) Power, her father an optician.

**DONALDSON BROWN**—An executive of the General Motors Corporation, now retired, Donaldson Brown has been a resident of Port Deposit, and now his time is chiefly spent at his home, Mount Ararat. Mr. Brown was born in Baltimore, February 1, 1885, the son of John Willcox and Turner (Macfarland) Brown. He received his education at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and at Cornell University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1902.

He entered the engineering department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad as a draftsman in 1903, and later went with the Sprague Electric Company as manager of the Baltimore sales office in 1904. In 1908 he joined the sales department of E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, in Wilmington. Continuing with du Pont, he was in charge of special analytical work in the general manager's office, and was advanced to assistant treasurer in 1914 and to treasurer in 1918. He likewise became a member of the board of directors and of the executive committee, and in 1919 a member of the finance committee. Mr. Brown still retains membership on the finance committee and the board of this corporation.

He left his post at du Pont in 1921 and went with General Motors Corporation, being elected vice president in charge of finance, a member of the board and of the finance committee. In 1929 he was elected chairman of the finance committee, which position he held until 1937 when he was elected vice chairman of the board. Mr. Brown remained in the latter position until his retirement from active service in 1946. He still remains a member of the board of General Motors and of its financial policy committee. While in active service with General Motors, he was a member of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for a period of six years.

In addition to these affiliations Mr. Brown is identified with the following organizations: a director of Gulf Oil Corporation and of Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore, and a trustee of Johns Hopkins University.

Mr. Brown holds membership in the following clubs: the Wilmington Country Club of Wilmington, Delaware, the Maryland Club of Baltimore, the Metropolitan Club of New York, and the Foxcatcher Hounds Hunt Club at Fair Hill, Maryland. He considers himself an independent Republican, and attends the Episcopal Church.

Donaldson Brown married Greta du Pont Barksdale, in Wilmington, on June 20, 1916. They are the parents of six children: Hamilton Barksdale, Frank Donaldson, Jr., Bruce Ford, Mrs. Rodney M. Layton, John Vaughan Willcox, and Keene Claggett.

**READE WATLINGTON CORR, M.A.**—Superintendent of Kent County Board of Education, Reade Watlington Corr has brought to his chosen work a background of both broad and varied education. To academic attainments he has added experience as a teacher and as an individual active in the administration of school affairs.

Born on October 10, 1905, in Gloucester County, Virginia, Reade Watlington Corr is the son of Harry Lee and Emma (Basye) Corr, his father a Baptist clergyman who was born in Virginia. His mother was a native of Ohio. After attending the Botetourt High School at Gloucester Court House, he matriculated at the University of Richmond, from which he was graduated in 1926 with the degree Bachelor of Arts. He had been engaged in a number of undergraduate activities, and was especially popular in the Philologist Society.

After two years of study in Johns Hopkins College, he engaged in teaching, first in 1928 at Millersville. He then initiated a series of practice of his profession in Baltimore County, in 1932 becoming a principal. His connection with the schools of this area was continued for eighteen years. In 1947 his accomplishments and reputation won him appointment as Superintendent of the Board of Education, Kent County.

Superintendent Corr received the Master of Arts degree from Columbia University. While pursuing courses in the New York City institution of learning, he was the president of the Southern Club. He is a life member of the National Education Association, a member of the Maryland Education Association; is a Rotarian and fraternally is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

On August 20, 1938, Reade Watlington Corr married Mary Virginia Pratt. A graduate of Goucher College, she taught school for several years prior to her marriage.

**BENJAMIN FLEMING JOHNSON**—A native of Denton, Benjamin Fleming Johnson has been actively identified with the newspaper business in this community since youth. Since 1927 he has been editor of the "Denton Journal" and as such wields a marked influence upon public opinion and affairs, while at the same time being an expert in the chronicling of the news.

Born on April 22, 1896, Mr. Johnson is the son of Benjamin H. and Stella D. (Short) Johnson. The father, born at Potter's Landing, Caroline County, was a newspaper publisher, prominent in many phases of local life, serving variously as a member of the town board, the building committee, and belonged to the Owls, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and the Heptasophs. His death occurred in 1930. His wife, who was originally from Harrington, Delaware, is living.

Benjamin Fleming Johnson was educated in the grade and high schools of Denton, and immediately after being graduated went into the publishing business. Active in local affairs, and especially interested in politics, he has participated in the campaigns of the Democratic party effectively and was judge of elections until 1936. In July of that year he was appointed postmaster and has since served Denton in this capacity. During World War I, Mr. Johnson was with the United States Army from April, 1918, to August, 1919. He is a member and past president of the Caroline-Dorchester Past Masters Association, and fraternally is affiliated with the local lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a past master, and currently serves as secretary; member of Edenton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is a past high priest, and is a past president and member of the Caroline-Dorchester County Past Masters Association. He worships at the Denton



Methodist Episcopal Church, where he is a member of the board of stewards.

On December 23, 1923, Benjamin Fleming Johnson married Mildred C. Collier, of Talbot, daughter of former State Senator W. Oscar Collier. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of a son, Benjamin Fleming, Jr., born November 6, 1928, educated in the public schools and McDonough School. During World War II, he served in the infantry, United States Army, with the rank of sergeant from March, 1943, to April, 1946. He is now engaged in newspaper work. He married Jane Bertha Brown.

**E. RALPH HOSTETTER**—Few men, at the age of twenty-six, arrive at the position of responsibility and prominence in their community achieved by Edward Ralph Hostetter, who is managing editor of the "Cecil County Whig," published in Elkton.

Edward Ralph Hostetter was born in Rowlandville, Maryland, January 14, 1922. His father, Abraham Hostetter, was a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was a railway employee. He had married Martha Mae Woodrow, and they had become the parents of seven children: 1. Charlotte, who married Joseph V. Ward. 2. Alice Roberta. 3. John Jacob. 4. Abraham Fisher. 5. Robert Woodrow. 6. Edward Ralph. 7. Martha Jean.

After attending public schools, E. Ralph Hostetter went to Jacob Tome Institute, graduating in 1940. While there, he played on the football team and was president of the senior class. After finishing school, he became deputy clerk of the Circuit Court for Cecil County until December, 1941, when he enlisted in the United States Navy and was assigned to Naval Intelligence. Thereafter he entered Harvard University in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps unit. At Harvard he was a member of the Hasty Pudding Club, the Fox Club, and Pi Eta Society. Graduating in 1945, he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering. At the time of his retirement from active service, he became ensign in the Naval Officers Reserve Corps.

On his return to civilian life, May, 1946, he became associated with the Wiley Manufacturing Company, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in the engineering department. On January 1, 1947, he became managing editor of the "Cecil County Whig." He is a member of the Maryland and Del-Mar-Va Press associations. He is active in the Rotary. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Church.

On November 26, 1947, E. Ralph Hostetter married Edith Ulrika White, of North East, Maryland. The White family has been prominent on the Eastern Shore for many years.

**SORIN NORMAN HOLLAND, SR.**—Owner of Pocahontas Coal Company, one of the most spectacularly successful business ventures of Salisbury, S. Norman Holland has also enlarged his interests to take in a number of interrelated business concerns. The mushrooming growth and the success of these enterprises has made Mr. Holland one of the most conspicuous business figures of the Salisbury locality. The Pocahontas Coal Company was founded over twenty years ago by S. Norman Holland and his brother William T. Holland (q.v.), who has since retired from its activities.

S. Norman Holland is the son of William Thomas Holland and Laura (Barbon) Holland. His father was a farmer, canner, and lumberman in Somerset County.

S. Norman Holland was born at Mount Vernon, Maryland on October 3, 1894. He attended the public and high schools of Somerset County and continued his education at Beacom Business College, Salisbury, Maryland. Later he became associated with his father in the latter's varied activities, learning thereby a good bit about agriculture, canning, and the lumber business. He was also a representative of the Continental Can Company on the Eastern Shore for a five-year period, terminating this connection when in 1917, he joined the armed forces for service in World War I. During that conflict he served overseas, and was in action with the first tank corps ever to appear in any war, the outfit being led by the late General George S. Patton, at that time a captain and subsequently a major. In combat in the St. Mihiel sector and Argonne Forest, Sergeant Holland was gassed and was awarded the Purple Heart. Sergeant Holland arrived at Brest, France on the liner "Kronprinzessin Cecile," a four stacker seven hundred feet and one-half feet in length (then named the "Mount Vernon"); which on its return trip, two hundred miles from France, was torpedoed but did not sink. Before the war the "Mount Vernon" was the Kaiser's private ship. In 1945 the ship was scrapped at a Baltimore shipyard.

Discharged from the service April 24, 1919, S. Norman Holland returned to the operation of his farm, which he had owned prior to his military career. He was also for a one-year period associated with his previous employer, the Continental Can Company.

At Mount Vernon, Somerset County, November 1, 1919, S. Norman Holland married S. Grace Thomas, daughter of Joseph M. and Mary Elizabeth (Mason) Thomas. They have become the parents of two children: Sorin Norman Holland, Jr., born April 8, 1921, and now associated in business with his father. Ruth Christine Holland, born October 24, 1929, and now attending Western Maryland College.

In 1925 S. Norman Holland sold his farm and came to Salisbury, Maryland where the following year, in partnership with his brother William T. Holland, he formed the Pocahontas Coal Company. This venture, which was to prove so successful began modest enough in half an office (6x7) rented from the National Concrete Vault Company. Within a year and a half, more space had become necessary and the brothers purchased an unused building owned by the Wilson Paddle Factory, which is still a part of the general office. A single cart and horse were sufficient to make their first deliveries, which today are taken care of by a fleet of modern trucks servicing the entire city and many points on the peninsula. They added a gravel business during the second year of operation, and have since then continuously augmented their line of stock with the addition of building materials. The year 1930 saw the formation of the Pocahontas Transportation Company with four freight boats, two plying as far north as New York and as far south as Florida. These boats and tonnage capacity were as follows: Big Chief—five hundred; Relief—four hundred; Pocahontas—three hundred; Papoose—one hundred fifty. During World War I, the government confiscated three of the boats as vital to the war effort. The shipping aspect of the business was practically discontinued excepting the use of the Papoose with operations in the Chesapeake Bay area.

Since 1927 the company has been the agent for the well-known "Iron Fireman," which provides fire and control for power-heating plants and homes, a





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surging complete automatic regulation of the heating system. Year by year the firm's interest continued to expand. The Adkins wharf property was added to its holdings in 1932 to be used for the storage of sand and gravel. The firm entered the fuel oil business in 1933, installing large storage tanks, and adding to the equipment fuel oil delivery trucks.

A large brick building (forty thousand square feet of space) was built in 1936 adjacent to the Pocahontas plant. This was leased; first to the Terminal Warehouse Company and later to Martin and Schwartz, Inc., a subsidiary of the Sun Oil Company. Normally the building is used for the purpose of pump manufacturing but during World War II the company used the plants for the manufacture of vital war materials such as 37mm. shells.

Still another recent aspect of the business, and one which has made great strides in recent years, is the Ready-Mix Concrete service. It requires the use of seven large trucks, with a capacity of three and four cubic yards, plus all needed facilities for weighing and grading materials. This product has found increasing acceptance in construction work throughout the region.

The Holland brothers entered at various times into a wide variety of business ventures with an impressive record of profitable operation. They first offered to the public the "Quality Products" line, better known as the Leatherbury Tomato Plant. This interest was later purchased by the William B. Tilghman Company. They bought the old Jackson Shirt Factory building and grounds which they sold later to the McCloskey-Grant Corporation. During World War II the McCloskey-Grant Corporation also manufactured vital war materials in its Salisbury plant. Of particular value to the public in these current days is their effort in home development. Early in the 1930s they laid out and developed a realty project called Forest Lane, located in the Camden section. They purchased the holdings of the Salisbury Shipbuilding Company for the purpose of keeping up the repairs on their own boats. After the Government requisitioned the boats, the Salisbury Shipbuilding Company was sold to H. B. Roberts. In 1939 they purchased an interest in the well-known Victor Lynn Lines, one of the largest transportation companies in the east, operating both trucks and boats. S. Norman Holland is now treasurer of the Victor Lynn Lines, Inc. and his brother William T. Holland is chairman of the board of directors.

Concerning the cumulative effect of these well managed enterprises on the community, the local press once appraised: "Salisbury is richer in initiative, in the employment of labor and the marketing of worthwhile commodities by their coming. With keen foresight and unusual business acumen, they have seen and seized opportunity in many fields, overlooked by others; and with indefatigable energy have successfully developed them."

William T. Holland retired from the Pocahontas Coal Company in December, 1943, his interest being purchased by his brother. Now operating the Edgewood Pipe and Block Company, William T. Holland and son, W. Thomas Holland, Jr., are subjects of a separate sketch to be found in this volume.

S. Norman Holland has been a leader in civic projects and in organizational activities. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in some of its branches, and is a Thirty-second degree Mason. He is also a member of the Rotary Club and the As-

bury Methodist Church, where he is on the board of trustees. He also serves on the official board of the church.

S. Norman Holland has been joined in the management of his enterprises by his son, S. Norman Holland, Jr., and in 1947, the ramified interests have been united under the corporate title of Pocahontas, Incorporated.

S. Norman Holland, Jr., attended the University of Maryland at College Park and is a member of Theta Chi. He is also a member of the Masonic Lodge and attends the Asbury Methodist Church where he serves on the finance committee, reception committee and the official board. At the present time he is treasurer of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. S. Norman Holland, Jr., served during World War II; first with the 3rd Army under the command of the same General George S. Patton who had at one time commanded his father's outfit, and later with the 9th Army under General Omar S. Bradley. Going overseas as a replacement and entering the 3rd Army with the rank of second lieutenant, he won his first lieutenant's bar at the historic Battle of the Bulge. His part in this action is commemorated in a small brochure entitled "Almost Lost" written by Staff Sergeant Richard Beck, a member of his outfit. It is to Lieutenant Holland that this little book is dedicated. Lieutenant Holland saw action in Luxembourg, France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. He made five river crossings while a member of the 35th Infantry Division and met the Russian troops at the Elbe River. Incidentally he served with four Armies and six Corps. He was awarded the Bronze Star Ribbon for "exemplary leadership in action." S. Norman Holland, Jr., is married to Juanita A. Burnett of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and they are the parents of one daughter, Constance Cheryl Holland, born March 26, 1947.

**HARRY DAVIS BARNES**—Although still a young man, Harry Davis Barnes has risen to a position prominent in the life of his community, and a position of heavy responsibility in public service. He is the president of Barnes & Reed, Inc., publishers of the "Cecil Democrat," the oldest paper in the Eastern Shore section of Maryland.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Davis Barnes, H. D. Barnes was born in Baltimore, July 29, 1916, but was reared in Cecil County. Early in his life, his name came to public attention, for he was the first child to have a program on station KDKA, the pioneer broadcasting station. Graduating from Elkton High School, he entered the University of Baltimore Law School, taking his Bachelor of Laws degree there in 1938. An accomplished musician, he played in several dance orchestras throughout both his high school and college years. This was particularly valuable in college, as it was necessary for him to earn his expenses. He was a member, while at law school, of the Phi Beta Gamma fraternity.

In 1938 the young man returned to Elkton where he entered the real estate and insurance business. Two years later he was admitted to the bar, and began the practice of law in Elkton, continuing his real estate activity concurrently. In 1947 Barnes & Reed, Inc., was formed. Although of recent formation, this organization publishes the "Cecil Democrat," the oldest paper in this section of Maryland.

Mr. Barnes is a member of the American Bar



Association, and was admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court in 1945.

Active as associate member of the advisory board of the Cecil County Draft Board, he was also adviser, during World War II, to the Navy, on contracts in Cecil County. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and attends the Methodist Church.

At Elkton, on November 25, 1942, Harry Davis Barnes married Virginia Lucille Buckworth, a native of Cecil County, who was born March 1, 1922. They are the parents of two children: 1. Virginia Lee, born August 8, 1944. 2. Harry D., III, born May 27, 1947.

**W. HAMILTON SPEDDEN**, president of the People's Loan, Savings & Deposit Bank of Cambridge, has been associated with this bank ever since it was organized in 1913, holding the post of cashier until 1946, when he became president.

He was born on September 4, 1875, in Dorchester County, the son of Albert and Susan Emily (Spedden) Spedden, both of Dorchester County. His father, now deceased, was a farmer and later a merchant.

W. Hamilton Spedden was educated in the local public schools, and in a business college in Baltimore. While still in school he operated a paper route in Cambridge for four years, and by the time he finished his public school education had saved enough money to pay for his course in business college in Baltimore. His first position in Baltimore was as a bill clerk and messenger boy with the wholesale firm of W. B. Tennyson & Company. After six months of business experience with this firm he returned to Cambridge and took a position in the office of the register of wills, which he held for nine years. In the meantime he applied himself to the study of law in his spare time, and in January, 1897 was admitted to the Maryland bar. Shortly afterward he was appointed town clerk and treasurer, on the Democratic ticket, and served in this capacity for seven and a half years, resigning to accept the position of county treasurer. In 1913, with a group of influential men, he helped to organize the People's Loan, Savings & Deposit Bank of Cambridge and became cashier of the new institution. He has since devoted his business energies entirely to this bank, which has prospered despite the fact that there were already four good banks in operation in Cambridge when it was organized. Mr. Spedden filled the post of cashier of the People's Loan, Savings & Deposit Bank for thirty-two years, and in January, 1946 was elected to the office of president. He is a member of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, and of Christ Episcopal Church. His hobby is baseball.

He married on October 15, 1896, Emma C. Doenges of Baltimore, and they are the parents of one daughter, Louise G. Spedden, born in Cambridge, attended the local schools, Sweetbriar College, and Western Maryland College, where she graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She taught school for a number of years and then married John A. Wright, Jr., and they are the parents of one child, Hamil Spedden Wright, born in Cambridge, Maryland, June 9, 1934.

**WILLIAM FRANCIS ALLEN**—The story of William Francis Allen, of Salisbury, is that of a boy with an idea who by persistence and hard work in-

augurated and developed an industry of great importance. The boy planted strawberries, not for the fruit but for the plants, and in this field was a pioneer in the Del-Mar-Va peninsula country. He, with his sons, shipped millions of strawberry plants annually all over the United States and exported to some foreign countries. He also was largely instrumental in introducing melon culture in the Eastern Shore section, now a big industry. Incidentally, the catalogue printed, sometimes in editions of two hundred thousand copies by the W. F. Allen Company, has done more to make Salisbury favorably known in our country than any other factor.

Born at Allen, Wicomico County, on February 25, 1867, William Francis Allen was the son of Albert James and Elizabeth E. (Twilley) Allen, both natives of what is now Wicomico County, and both now deceased. William Francis Allen attended the public schools of his birthplace, and at the age of fifteen borrowed fifteen dollars to invest in strawberry plants. This was not enough to make any sizeable crop of berries but plenty from which to grow young plants to sell to people wanting to grow strawberries, without the work of producing their own young plants. He made good, and when twenty-three years of age purchased a farm of fifty acres about a mile south of the center of Salisbury. He planted berries and grew general crops, rotating fields when advisable, and also tried out successfully the commercial growing of cucumbers, canteloupes, and watermelons. As indicated, he gave a tremendous boost to cucumber and melon production on the Eastern Shore; sold strawberry and a few other fruiting plants by the millions; and directed the operations of the W. F. Allen Company on a large scale.

There were some interesting additional factors connected with the development of the Allen Company. For example, the land on which some of the planting began is now a part of the municipality of Salisbury, so large has been the expansion of the city. Again, the use of the mails by the Allen Company makes them the largest single source of revenue to the Salisbury post office. Finally, as mentioned, the company catalogue in its immense edition, gives a publicity to Salisbury that is greater than from any other source. The catalogue mentioned has been published for many years, the 1949 edition being the sixty-fourth consecutive year of publication, a notable record. The W. F. Allen Company has some nine hundred acres in plants and orchards, and ships annually some ten to twelve million strawberry plants, and some hundred to a hundred and fifty thousand bushels of peaches and apples. In 1935, at the end of a half century in business, Mr. Allen wrote in a public letter:

'Dear Friends:

After fifty years in this business, I look back with pleasure at the many personal and business friends I have made during that period. I want to thank them all, whether our acquaintance is of brief or long duration, for the patronage which has made this business possible.

"I have made mistakes, but where pointed out I have tried to correct them fairly. No attempt has been made to sell plants on price alone, but I have tried to give full value for every dollar received.

"My wife has been a co-worker with me in this business for forty-four years. In 1914 I took three of my sons in business with me, forming The W. F. Allen Company. We all realize that to continue in business our customers must prosper. With this thought in mind, and with fifty years experience to guide us, we try to write a catalog that will be a real help and when orders come we try to send plants that will mean real pleasure and profit to the buyer. . . ."



W. F. Allen





It can be said of these catalogues that in addition to beauty of illustration and accurate descriptions they are packed with information covering all phases of strawberry production and are worthy of preservation, year after year, as authoritative records of progress made in the development of new and improved varieties of strawberries. The company was a partnership of Mr. Allen, the founder, his wife, Martha P. Allen, and three sons: W. Lee, Fulton W., and Albert G. Allen.

The contributions made by the W. F. Allen Company and its founder to Salisbury affairs is not wholly that of a big business or wide publicity of the city and environs. William Francis Allen was associated with many local and state organizations, for he was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a charter member and the second president of the Salisbury Rotary Club, and a past president of the Maryland State Horticultural Society and also of the Peninsula Horticultural Society. He was president of the Salisbury Branch of the County Trust Company of Maryland, president of the Farmers and Planters Company, at Salisbury; and a director and vice president of the Salisbury Peninsula Broadcasting Company. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and was a member of Bethesda Methodist Protestant Church of Salisbury.

William Francis Allen married Martha P. Taylor, daughter of Gillis E. and Sophronia (Darby) Taylor, both born in Wicomico County. Mr. and Mrs. Allen, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on November 12, 1940, were the parents of four sons, all born in Salisbury:

i. Walter Kendall, born September 1, 1891, who, after completing his preparatory studies in the elementary and high schools of Wicomico County, matriculated at Richmond College, Richmond, Virginia, where he was graduated a Bachelor of Arts in June, 1916. At Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree with the class of 1919, and was ordained a minister of the Baptist Church, that same year. Until 1920, he was pastor of the Marbury Baptist Church, Marbury, Maryland, and then became a foreign missionary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society to Jorhat, Assam, India, where he served until his last illness. He died in India of typhoid fever on September 2, 1925, and was buried at Shillong, Assam, in the English Cemetery. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a member of the Allen Memorial Baptist Church, Salisbury, which formerly was the Division Street Baptist Church until it was renamed the Allen Memorial Church in honor of the Rev. Walter Kendall Allen.

At Stockton, Maryland, September 3, 1918, the Rev. Walter Kendall Allen married Mary Beulah Nock, daughter of Edward Everett and Martha Florence (Byrd) Nock. Rev. and Mrs. Allen were the parents of two daughters: i. Florence Byrd, born January 14, 1922, was graduated from Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland, June 6, 1944, with the degree Bachelor of Arts; now teaching at Delmar (Maryland) High School. ii. Gladys Martha, born October 3, 1923, was graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, with the Bachelor of Science degree, class of 1943, and from the University of Maryland Medical College, with the degree Doctor of Medicine, class of June, 1947; she interned at the Woman's Medical College Hospital, Philadelphia, from July, 1947, to

June, 1948, and in September of that year, became an assistant resident physician at Woman's Hospital, Philadelphia.

2. Fulton White, born on November 18, 1892, was educated in the Wicomico County elementary and high schools, and the University of Maryland, where he was graduated with the class of 1912, a Bachelor of Science. He was associated with his father after graduation until the incorporation of the W. F. Allen Company, when he became a full-fledged member of this organization. For the most part his work is along the lines of construction and maintenance as an agricultural engineer. He likewise is a director and secretary to the board of Shoreland Freezers. Mr. Allen is a member of the Rotary Club of Salisbury; the Peninsula Horticultural Society, president in 1931; the Maryland State Horticultural Society, president in 1936; and the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he has served as local secretary, and state steward. Fraternally he is affiliated with Wicomico Lodge No. 91, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was master in 1923. He is active in the Community Players (Little Theatre), of which he was president in 1939 and 1945. He attends St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Salisbury.

On October 11, 1919, at Rochester, New York, Fulton White Allen married Lois Valesca Jennings, who was born here in October 29, 1893, daughter of Wayland Hale and Carrie Valesca (Phillips) Jennings. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are the parents of three children: i. Ruth Valesca, born May 28, 1923, who married Leonard Buck, ii. Julia Elizabeth, who was born November 30, 1925. iii. Walter Kendall, II, who was born December 12, 1927.

3. William Lee, was born on April 20, 1894, and was educated in the Wicomico County schools and Cornell University. From youth his business activities have been horticultural and agricultural, and he is widely known as an expert in the growing of fruits, vegetables, and plants. He began and has remained with his family in these fields, and when, in 1914, the enterprise was incorporated as W. F. Allen Company, with the older man, his wife, and two brothers as stockholders, he continued his work as a specialist. William Lee Allen is a member of the board of directors of the Farmers and Planters Company, the Peninsula Broadcasting Company, and the Eastern Shore Building and Loan Corporation. In public service he is a Wicomico County Commissioner, and will have been such for nine years when his current term ends in 1950. He is a prominent figure in the Peninsula Horticultural Society, acting as its president for two terms, and treasurer for the past twenty years; as president of the Maryland State Horticultural Society, and as a member of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and the Salisbury Rotary Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Wicomico Lodge No. 91, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Wicomico Presbyterian Church, at Salisbury.

On January 18, 1917, at Ithaca, New York, William Lee Allen married Violetta Hyde Smith, daughter of Hanson Crossman and Phoebe Bells Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are the parents of three children: i. Jane, who was born November 11, 1918, married, July 22, 1944, T. C. Trescott, and they have a son, Lee Allen, born May 6, 1947. ii. William Lee, Jr., born May 4, 1923, died February 5, 1924. iii. Constance, who was born November 8, 1924, died June 7, 1925.

4. Albert Gillis, born on November 8, 1895, is a

graduate from the Wicomico High School, Salisbury, 1912, and Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, where he received the degree Bachelor of Science, class of 1916. From college he became a part of the W. F. Allen Company, nationally known growers of strawberry plants and fruits, and the operators and owners of extensive peach and apple orchards and truck gardening farms. His horticultural activities were interrupted during World War I, when he entered the Armed Forces of the United States, and served from November, 1917, to January, 1919, a lieutenant in the Air Service, pilot aviator, and instructor in aerial gunnery. During World War II, he was chairman of the Selective Service Board No. 1, Wicomico County. His college fraternity is Alpha Gamma Rho, and he is affiliated with Wicomico Lodge No. 91, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was master in 1922. A long time member of the Maryland State Horticultural Society, he was its president in 1931. He belongs to the United States Power Squadron, Salisbury Branch, and the Rotary Club of this city. He worships at the Wicomico Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, and was elected an elder of this church in 1947.

At Salisbury, on June 28, 1922, Albert Gillis Allen married Marie Louise Walls, daughter of Albert Milton and Ida May (Talmage) Walls. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are the parents of two sons: i. William Francis, II, born December 2, 1924; graduate of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, with the degree Bachelor of Science, class of 1949; during World War II, he served in both the European and Asiatic theaters, as a combat infantryman in Europe, and with the Operational Military Police in the Pacific. ii. Richard Milton, who was born March 19, 1928, a graduate of Cornell University, with the degree Bachelor of Science, class of 1949.

Upon the death of William Francis Allen on March 21, 1949, the editor of the "Salisbury Advertiser" wrote under the caption:

#### A TRUE SON OF THE SOIL

The contribution to the material advancement of this community made by the late William F. Allen was very great indeed. The business founded by him has grown into one of the largest of its kind in the country. In the hands of his three sons, trained under his watchful eyes since childhood days, it remains in safe and experienced hands. The establishment of this important enterprise, is by no means the only contribution made by Mr. Allen to this community. He was directly connected with many of our leading business undertakings, and through his leadership and progressiveness, was a factor in changing the farming picture from the one crop system of his boyhood, into the veritable Eden of variety and productiveness of today.

It is not, however, of his business contribution and farming success, that in this brief postscript to a long and useful life, we want to pay tribute. It is to the man himself.

Mr. Allen was simplicity, itself—no frills—no put ons. He was as open and frank as the great outside which he loved so well, and from the soil of which he drew strength. 'There is life in the ground; it goes into the seeds; and when stirred up, goes into the man who stirred it.'

To him, in his own home, as head of his family—a wholesome home—a happy home, where mutual love and respect abounded. A 'homey' home—a Christian home.

To him as a friend and associate, with many pleasant evenings spent in a friendly game, or pleasant conversation—his was an open mind—an honest mind—a sincere mind that inspired confidence and respect.

Mr. Allen is sleeping in the sod that he knew so well and loved so dearly. For him it seems a fitting couch. His life was well worth living. His memory will be cherished by all who were privileged to know him. His progressive spirit and his accomplishments will live to bless this community for generations to come.

#### MARGARET YEATMAN (ROGERS) MASSEY

—The story of the colorful life of Margaret Yeatman

(Rogers) Massey in its achievements, self-reliance and the services to humanity is typical of American womanhood at its best. For the past fifteen years she has been director of the Kent County Welfare Board at Chestertown, bearing well the many responsibilities of her position.

Mrs. Massey was born Margaret Yeatman Rogers on December 27, 1893, at Baltimore, daughter of Alfred King and Caroline (Walters) Rogers. Both are members of families with names long extant in America. Her father was a native of Baltimore, and her mother of Richmond, Virginia. Alfred King Rogers was for many years a commission merchant and as a child he was under technical arrest during the War Between the States because of his family's sympathies with the South.

Margaret Y. Rogers acquired her academic education in the public and high schools of Baltimore, being graduated from the latter-named in 1911. She then entered nurses training at the Robert Garrett Children's Hospital, receiving a diploma in 1913. After about a year working for the Federated Charities of Baltimore, she entered the Johns Hopkins Hospital for a special course in nursing, completing her studies and experience in 1916. In that same year she passed the required examinations leading to acceptance as a Registered Nurse by the Maryland State Board. After a brief period with the Social Service Department of Johns Hopkins, she entered the Public Health Service at Salisbury, Maryland. When the United States became involved in World War I, Miss Rogers (she had not yet changed her name) enlisted in October, 1918, as a United States Army Nurse, and was assigned to Fort McHenry, where she served until mustered out of the Army Service in July, 1919. She then came to Chestertown as nurse for the Tuberculosis Association, resigning in August, 1922.

On April 30, 1921, Margaret Yeatman Rogers married Thomas Massey, a native of Bohemia, Cecil County, born on December 28, 1875, son of Henry Thomas and Cora (Peach) Massey, his father a native of Delaware, and his mother of Maryland. Thomas Massey was educated in the public schools, Washington College, and the Maryland Agricultural College. He farmed for some two years before becoming connected with the Beck Walker Fertilizer Company, which he purchased in 1915 with an associate. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and was a member of its various higher bodies, including Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Boating was his favorite recreation and sport. Thomas Massey died at Chestertown, January 4, 1937. Mr. and Mrs. Massey were the parents of two sons: 1. Thomas, Jr., who married Janet Whitney of Scranton, Pennsylvania. 2. William David, a student at the University of Virginia.

In April, 1933, Mrs. Massey had become director of the Kent County Welfare Board at Chestertown, a post she has filled most capably. She is a member of the Maryland Conference of Social Welfare, and is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

**FRANKLIN D. DAY**—Widely known for his work in developing the educational system of Queen Anne's County, Franklin D. Day, of Centreville, has demonstrated unusual qualities of integrity and ability in public office. A leading citizen of his community, he holds the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Day was born April 16, 1895, at Clarksburg, Montgomery County, Maryland, son of Charles Thomas and Margaret (Dronenburg) Day. The Day family has been prominent in Maryland for generations. An







*Paul Throth M. S.*

early progenitor, the Reverend Jackson W. Day, was a pioneer circuit rider for the Methodist Church. Another member of the family served as the first woman juror in the state. Charles Thomas Day, father of Franklin Day, was a native of Montgomery County, Maryland, engaged in farming operations, and held public office as police magistrate and as county sheriff.

Franklin Day received his early education in the local public schools, and, in 1914, was graduated from the Rockville High School. During the summer months he worked on the family farm. While in high school he starred on the baseball and football teams and was active on the track team. After finishing his secondary training, he entered the University of Maryland and attended there until September, 1917. At that time he enlisted in the United States Army for service in World War I. He saw duty as a warrant officer with Headquarters Company of the Forty-second Division, and Headquarters, Base Section No. 5, receiving his honorable discharge in August, 1919. After returning to civilian life, he went back to the University of Maryland. As an undergraduate he belonged to Kappa Alpha and Phi Kappa Phi fraternities and was president of the Student Assembly. He also held positions of importance, being secretary to the state chemist for a year and then was secretary in the Department of Agricultural Education. During the summer months he acted as treasurer of the University summer school. In 1920 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science. Four years later, in 1924, he received his Master of Arts degree in Education from the same university.

After gaining his Bachelor of Science degree, in 1920, Mr. Day stayed on at the University of Maryland, teaching in the Department of Education until 1927. At the end of this period he was appointed superintendent of the Board of Education of Calvert County. After five years' service to the people of that county, he was transferred, in 1932, becoming superintendent of the Board of Education of Queen Anne's County. He has held this post of responsibility since then with distinction. His experience and knowledge have been combined to make this office one of the outstanding ones of its kind in the state.

In connection with his professional work, Mr. Day is a member of the Association of School Administrators, the National Education Association, and the Maryland Teachers Association. His community activity includes membership in the Rotary Club, in which organization he has served as president in the past, and member of the Queen Anne's County Library Board. He is also chairman of the State Commission of Research and Education, one of Maryland's important conservation agencies.

On August 24, 1921, Franklin D. Day married Elizabeth Gambrill Hook. She was born at Baltimore, and was graduated, in 1920, from the University of Maryland with the degree of Bachelor of Science, the first woman graduate of this institution. While at College she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Society, and later she taught for three years at the Hyattsville High School. Mr. and Mrs. Day became the parents of the following children: 1. Franklin Richard, who as a lieutenant in the United States Army Corps of Engineers is stationed on Guam. 2. Charles Kenly, who is a premedical student at the University of Maryland.

**E. PAUL KNOTTS, M. D.**, of Denton, was born in Ridgely, Maryland, on February 26, 1895, second of three sons of Louis J. and Agnes Lucy (Lynch)

Knotts, both of whom are deceased. His father, who came originally from Queen Anne's County, was a salesman and merchant. His mother was born in New York State. After preparing for higher education in the grade and high schools of Ridgely, E. Paul Knotts entered Washington College where he received the Bachelor of Science degree cum laude, with the class of 1916. While at college, Dr. Knotts won his letter in varsity football; and was manager of the basketball team in his senior year, business manager of the "Washington Collegian," president of the Adelphi Literary Society, the senior class, and the Cotillion Club. For his medical studies he matriculated at the University of Maryland, being graduated in 1920, a Doctor of Medicine. At medical school, he was a member of Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity and the Randolph Winslow Surgical Society, an honor society. Later he pursued postgraduate work at Harvard University, Rush Medical College, McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and Johns Hopkins University, at Baltimore.

Dr. Knotts interned at the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore, and then, for about two and a half years, was associated with the Rockefeller Foundation, engaged in research on hook worm incidence and general preventive medicine in South Carolina. In 1924, he inaugurated a general practice of medicine at Denton, where he has practiced continuously to date. He is a Fellow of the American Medical Association, and is a member of the Caroline County Medical Society, the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, the American Academy of General Practice, and the American Association of Railway Surgeons. As a member of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty, Dr. Knotts has been chairman of the Section of Obstetrics and Gynecology (1942); chairman of the Nominating Committee (1948); vice president for the State, N. P. C. (1944-45); member of the Committee on Medical Care of the Maryland State Planning Commission, which committee inaugurated the medical care program in Maryland; and member of the Public Instruction Committee, the Medical Service Committee, the Cancer Committee, the Finance Committee for the Sesquicentennial Celebration, the National Emergency Medical Service Committee, and others. He is a member of the staff of the Memorial Hospital at Easton, has served as examiner of the Maryland State Medical Board since 1937, and is now chairman of that board, and is a former chairman of the board of managers of the Eastern Shore Hospital. Dr. Knotts has had a number of original medical articles accepted for publication, among them being "Educating the Public to Defeat Tuberculosis. A Problem for the Medical Profession" (*Journal of the South Carolina Medical Association* 20; 35: 1924); "Closed Method of Drainage of Empyema" (*Bulletin of the University of Maryland* 19; 4: 1934); "Tularemia, Report of Four Cases," the first to be reported in Maryland, (*Bulletin of the University of Maryland* 21; 3: 1937); and "Fowl Mite Dermatitis (*Dermanyssus Gallinae*) with Report of Two Cases," first to be reported in the United States, (*Bulletin of the University of Maryland* 29; 5: 1945).

Along somewhat different lines, Dr. Knotts served on the Interracial Committee for the State of Maryland; was a member of the Governor's Commission that inaugurated the plan for abolishing almshouses and establishing hospitals for the chronically ill; was chairman for Caroline County of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for the years 1938-48, after which he continued as vice chairman; was a member of the Selective Service System and chairman of the Medical Examiners for Caroline County for four years;



was a member of the Veterans Advisory Committee in 1945; was a member of the Army Advisory Committee, Second Army, 1949; and is a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland. During World War I, he served in the United States Medical Corps, University of Maryland Unit. In World War II, he was a major in the Maryland State Guard, and, for twenty years, has been service officer of the American Legion. Fraternally, Dr. Knotts is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and is a former president of the Denton Rotary Club. He attends St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, of which he is a trustee.

On May 3, 1922, Dr. E. Paul Knotts married Marjorie Todd, of Caroline County, daughter of Willard and Wilhelmina (Willoughby) Todd. Her father was a native of Caroline County, having the original grant issued by Lord Baltimore. He is deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Knotts are the parents of two children: 1. Elizabeth Agnes, a graduate of National Cathedral School. She attended Mt. Holyoke College, and received the degree Bachelor of Arts from George Washington University, studied at the Corcoran Art School in Washington, D. C., and is married to Perry W. Davison, who received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Amherst College. He also holds the Master of Arts degree from Rice Institute, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Yale University (1948). Dr. Davison is now engaged as a physicist. They have three children: Victoria Elizabeth, Ellis Haven and Paul Knotts Davison. 2. Willard Todd, a graduate of local schools and West Nottingham Academy; attended the University of Maryland and Mount St. Mary's College. During World War II, he served with the United States Marines.

**JUDGE STEPHEN ROBERTS COLLINS**—One of the eminent attorneys of Chestertown, Judge Stephen Roberts Collins serves the citizens of Maryland as associate judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland. His integrity and sense of fairness in high office have earned for him a sterling reputation among his many professional colleagues and warm personal friends.

Stephen Collins was born January 13, 1896, at Chestertown, son of Richard Harrison and Elizabeth Harding (Roberts) Collins. The first member of the Collins family came to this country in the early part of the seventeenth century, settled in Dorchester County and then moved to Queen Anne's County. Richard Harrison Collins, father of Stephen Collins, was born September 16, 1860, and died February 7, 1935. He was educated in the local public schools, became associated with the Philadelphia "Record," later with the New York "Times." In 1892, with an associate, Richard Collins, he purchased the Chestertown "Transcript" on which publication he served as editor and publisher until the close of his life. For many years he was active in the work of the Episcopal Church as one of its wardens. He married Elizabeth Harding Roberts, who was born September 12, 1864, at Morganton, North Carolina, and died July 29, 1943. She was the daughter of Rev. Stephen Chester Roberts, minister of the Episcopal Church of Chestertown for thirty years. Mr. and Mrs. Collins became the parents of the following children: 1. Jane Harrison. 2. Stephen Roberts, of further mention. 3. Richard Harrison, Jr. 4. John Harding. 5. William Salisbury.

Stephen Roberts Collins received his early education in the public schools of his native town, and at Washington College Preparatory School, then entered

Washington College. After completing the prescribed course of study, he was graduated from this institution of higher learning, in 1915, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1925 he gained the Bachelor of Laws degree at the University of Maryland, being admitted to the bar, meanwhile, in 1924.

Upon completion of his formal legal training, Stephen Collins entered into a successful law practice at Chestertown. Two years afterwards, in 1927, he was elected state's attorney of Kent County, at the same time continuing with his private law practice. He remained in the capacity of state's attorney for twelve years, during which period he served the citizens of this county with faithful devotion to duty. In 1940, one year after having relinquished this position in public life, he was again called upon to use his legal knowledge and experience in behalf of the state. At that time he was elected to the positions of chief judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland, and associate judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland. In 1944 he stepped down from the bench in the Second Judicial Circuit, but has continued to the present in his capacity of associate judge of the Court of Appeals, representing Eastern Shore of Maryland on that Court. At the time of his first appointment to the bench, Judge Collins gave up the law practice in order to devote his entire time to his judicial duties. In addition to his other work, he served as president of the First National Bank of Chestertown from 1936 until 1942.

Judge Collins is active in the work of prominent professional, civic, fraternal, and social groups in his community. Professionally, he holds memberships in the American Bar Association, the Maryland Bar Association, and the American Judicature Society. During the first World War he served in the United States Army Air Corps. In connection with his war work in World War II he has served as chairman of the Advertising Committee for registrants since 1941, and is a member of the War Finance Committee for Maryland. He was a member of the Rotary Club, having served as its president during the years of 1933 and 1934. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Phi Kappa Sigma, and Omicron Delta Kappa. He also belongs to the Chester River Yacht and Country Club at Chestertown, having acted as its president from 1928 until 1931. In religious connection he is an Episcopalian, and is a vestryman in the Episcopal Church at Chestertown.

On August 8, 1945, Judge Stephen Roberts Collins married Dorothy Selden Spencer a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, and daughter of Walker Brainerd Spencer, a prominent member of the Louisiana bar for many years.

**CHARLES D. BRIDDELL, SR.**—A whole saga of American life could be written around the career of the late Charles D. Briddell, Sr., founder of the great and thriving manufacturing concern which bears his name in Crisfield today. It would be a happier saga than most; for not only would it tell of the founding and building up of a successful business from small beginnings, with no original investment other than faith and courage, enterprise and ingenuity, and hard work; not only would it tell of the surmounting of obstacles and misfortunes; but it would go on to relate how five of the founder's six children, one by one, threw their energies and talents into the business and are today together carrying the achievements of Charles D. Briddell, Incorporated, "craftsmen in





*Charles D. Briddell, Sr.*



metal" to new heights. Nor would it neglect to mention the practical yet eloquent tribute paid to the influence of the founder of this business by the present Briddell family management in its handsome fiftieth-anniversary booklet of 1945, which presents together with striking photographs "a review of the past, and a practical appraisal of the future, all of which have been and will be invigorated by the simple and significant statement disclosed in the last will and testament of Charles D. Briddell: 'Take the Lord into all your plans.'" Of few men can it be said so conclusively that the spirit which animated their lives still lives on in the family and the business which they left behind.

Charles D. Briddell, Sr., was born in August, 1882, in Marumsco in Somerset County, where his father was a farmer. From his earliest days on the farm "Charlie," as he was always called, seemed to be fascinated by the little blacksmith shop in a converted smokehouse on the Briddell farm, where he was allowed to use an old furnace grate for an "anvil," and he was even more fascinated by his occasional visits to the blacksmith shop of James F. Loreman in Crisfield. In the fall of 1895, when Charlie was only thirteen years old, he got his first "job," repairing a pair of oyster tongs for a customer to whom his father was delivering farm produce, and with the dollar and a half which he collected, he started into business. He left school after the fifth grade, but all his life he remained a great reader. What he knew about iron work he taught himself through endless experiment and study.

After working for a year in his shop on the farm, Charlie felt he had sufficient trade to warrant a larger building, which he built himself, with the help of his father, out of lumber he had cut in his father's woods. He had four employees in the new place of business, which included an upstairs paint shop as well as a blacksmith shop, where general repair work was carried on and a few vehicles were made.

On December 27, 1905, Charles D. Briddell was married to Grace Maddox of near-by Quindocqua, whom he had courted in a specially built rubber-tired buggy and a bright shiny sleigh, both of his own construction. The following year he built a larger plant at Marion Station, and engaged a selling agent at Onancock on the Eastern Shore of Virginia for the carts that he was turning out in carload lots. The selling agency failed almost immediately through a misuse of funds, causing the staggering loss of a hundred and twenty-two horse carts at thirty-two dollars each, and the same year the Briddell shop was destroyed by fire. Those were dark days, but friends and neighbors had faith in the young man: one of them lent him two hundred dollars with which to buy back the forge he had lost through foreclosure, and others were equally helpful. He had already developed and patented a "champion stabber" oyster knife which, however, had been handled by a single agent and had not achieved any popularity; now Crisfield stores agreed to recommend and sell it and it was also sold direct to oyster shuckers and soon was being handled also by Baltimore dealers.

In the winter of 1914, the Briddell blacksmithing establishment moved to Crisfield, taking space in the shop of John W. Nock, carriage and wagon builder, whose business was losing ground because motor vehicles were by this time taking the place of horse-drawn vehicles. By 1920 the business had grown large enough to warrant the erection of a modern brick manufacturing plant on Crisfield's Main Street. Here oyster knives, clam knives, oyster tongs, clam tongs, crab knives, crab net bows, crab tongs, and other

implements used in the seafood industry were turned out. Twenty-five men were the minimum force necessary to man this new plant, whose products were now being sold up and down the Atlantic seaboard. In 1920, the same year that the new Briddell plant was built, Charles D. Briddell helped to build the imposing Baptist Temple: he was named chairman of its building committee and purchased the spade that first broke ground for the church building that was, like his own manufacturing plant, the realization of a dream very close to his heart.

The seafood tool business was seasonal, and to provide employment during the off season the Briddell company went into the business of manufacturing ice tongs, and in course of time added ice axes, ice shavers, ice picks, and other ice handling tools to its line. With the expansion of the business it was decided to incorporate, and this was done in May, 1925, with Charles D. Briddell as president, Charles W. Sterling as secretary, and A. Wellington Tawes, who had been largely instrumental in getting the ice-tool end of the business started, as treasurer. Not long afterward the concern purchased from Beatty & Black of Chester, Pennsylvania, the William Beatty line of butcher cleavers, ice axes, and other ice-harvesting tools, and made a strong attempt to build up this end of the business, but met with such strong competition from northern manufacturers determined to hold their southern markets that, in 1929, it was decided to sell out the ice tool business, except for ice picks and cleavers, to the Gifford-Wood Company of Hudson, New York, and Statensburg Ice Tool Works. During the next few years the production of ice picks was streamlined and expanded; special printing and finishing machinery was constructed with a capacity of more than a million ice picks a year, and imprinted ice picks with advertising handles were bought by the carload by the Coca Cola Company and other large bottling and ice companies. The next move was to expand into the business of designing and selling metal advertising specialties such as calendars, memo pads, ash trays, and bottle openers. National advertisers used these specialties in large quantities: the Pontiac Division of General Motors, the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, Schenley Distillers, Dr. Pepper, Buick, Ford, and many other well-known concerns were among the customers. Later still, a line of rubber-jawed animal traps which were perfected by "Uncle John Maddox" were added to the Briddell products.

Meantime the Briddell children were growing up and, after receiving the best of modern educations, were coming into the business. By 1929 the three older children were employed in the concern. Evelyn, the oldest girl, had studied business administration at Drexel Institute and for a time worked with the purchasing department of a large department store in Baltimore before coming home to Crisfield to serve as secretary to her father. Charles D. Briddell, Jr., the oldest son, was studying mechanical engineering at the University of Maryland and Thomas Henry Briddell, the second son, was studying business administration, sales management, and finance at the same institution in preparation for entering the business when the death of Charles W. Sterling, secretary of the concern, had made it advisable for both of them to help shoulder the responsibilities of the family business at once. Expansion was proceeding, a new plant was opened across the street after purchase of a suitable building, and the old office became known as Plant No. 3.

Charles D. Briddell, Sr., who was responsible for the success of the business, was working as hard as



ever, spending much time in travel. He was tired, and the end came suddenly: he "left the office early on the afternoon of August 31, 1938, to go home to rest—the long peaceful rest which he so richly deserved, but which came all too early in his life."

Charles, Jr., became president in charge of manufacturing; Tom, vice president in charge of sales; Grace M. Briddell, second vice president; Willis, who entered the business in 1935, assistant treasurer; Evelyn, secretary in charge of purchasing; and A. Wellington Tawes continued as treasurer.

In the almost ten years since the death of its founder the business of Charles D. Briddell, Incorporated has continued to embody the same principles upon which it was built up. Not only is there the same integrity, the same regard for quality and value, but there has been the same resourcefulness and adaptability. When a business expert, asked to study the business and make recommendations, advised the firm to "consolidate, concentrate, specialize, and simplify," the recommendations were whole-heartedly put into effect, even though it meant selling the animal trap department and using the cash to improve production and increase volume on the more profitable items. After Pearl Harbor the concern again proved its adaptability by swinging into war production. Cleavers and special tools for the services and rifle grenades were the first products turned out in the Briddell war effort. On September 12, 1942, after handling an initial order for the new "bazooka" rocket guns, the Briddell firm received from the Philadelphia Army Ordnance Office a contract for bazooka guns totaling \$583,000, which was more than total sales in the two previous years. By V-J Day the concern had made almost a million and a half bazooka rockets, in addition to cleavers, bars, grapnels, scrapers, and miscellaneous tools for the Army and Navy. On January 4, 1944, and again on June 24, 1944, in appropriate ceremonies, the Charles D. Briddell Company of Crisfield was presented with the coveted Army and Navy "E" flag for its excellent work in war production, and the white star for that flag, symbolizing sustained excellence. A second and third white star were awarded in January and July, 1945.

As early as February 10, 1944, a dinner was held for key Briddell personnel with postwar planning as its theme, and the postwar slogan "Million Dollar Sales and 200 Jobs" was advanced. One new item was the machete, or jungle knife, for exportation to Latin America, which began to be turned out in May, 1945. The company is currently manufacturing some forty different patterns of machetes. Other additions to follow. In recent years the concern has devoted increased attention to fostering sound employer-employee relations, as its employees grew in number. About 1942 a new department known as the industrial relations department was formed to take the responsibility for progress along this line. Health conditions were improved, recreation of various sorts was encouraged, and, in 1945, a new "multiple management" plan was adopted to give employees more opportunity to make suggestions and recommendations for improvement through a junior board of directors made up of employees. Today the concern is producing high grade cutlery, cleavers, machetes, ice picks, and seafood handling tools, and is looking forward to a period of expansion and sound growth that will fulfill the dreams of its founder. In 1947, a line of high quality cutlery, trademarked "Carvel Hall," was added, and in two years approximately \$4,000,000 worth of steel knife and carving sets were sold. This line is in process of further expansion and promises to be the

firm's most important division. The company employs approximately two hundred people today. In this future the Briddell children are playing the leading roles of responsibility for the growth that lies ahead.

Charles D. Briddell had married, on December 27, 1905, Grace Maddox of Quindocqua, the marriage being performed in the Quindocqua Church by Rev. F. H. Gardner. Charles D. and Grace (Maddox) Briddell were the parents of six children: 1. Evelyn Elizabeth (Briddell) Andrews. 2. Charles D., Jr., born January 16, 1912, at Marumscow. He took a degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Maryland, returning to complete his course after interrupting it on account of business responsibilities. Since his father's death he has been president of Charles D. Briddell, Incorporated, in charge of manufacturing. 3. Thomas Henry. 4. Willis Herbert, born in 1919, at Crisfield. He studied financial management at New York University and upon retirement of A. Wellington Tawes from active duty became treasurer. He served in the United States Army Air Corps from July, 1942, to October, 1945. 5. Ruth Grace, born September 28, 1921, a graduate of Averitt Junior College, Danville, Virginia. She entered the business in 1942 in the personnel department, for which she has a natural talent. She married Alfred J. Lawson, of Lawson District, Crisfield. 6. Mary Phyllis, born April 16, 1925, at Crisfield. She received the degrees of Bachelor of Music, and Bachelor of Piano in 1946, and Master of Piano in 1947, at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. She married Dr. John W. Hayden of Poughkeepsie, New York, in December, 1948, and now teaches music at Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York.

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**P. WATSON WEBB**, who was until 1940 the publisher of the Cambridge "Record" and the "Daily Banner," and until the end of 1947 served on the Maryland State Road Commission, has now retired from active business and professional life, but remains, as always, intensely interested in anything pertaining to the welfare of the Eastern Shore.

He was born in Salem on October 15, 1877, the son of R. Watson and Marie (Hurley) Webb, both natives of Dorchester County. His father was a school teacher. His mother was the daughter of Alexander Hurley.

P. Watson Webb moved with his family to Vienna, Maryland, when he was only one year old, and attended the public schools of that place. Upon graduating from high school, he taught school in rural districts for three years and then went into the newspaper business. In 1905 he came to Cambridge as editor of the "Record," and later bought that paper and published it until 1910, when he purchased the "Daily Banner," being joined in the business by his brother, the late Edward F. Webb, whose interest he later purchased. He continued to publish both papers until 1940, when he sold out. During all those years he took a very active part in community affairs and was quick to lend the support of his columns to every good cause. For several years he served as a director of the Cambridge Manufacturing Company. He is a past president of the Del-Mar Eastern Shore Association, and served twelve years on the board of the Cambridge Hospital. Mr. Webb is a director of the Delaware Power & Light Company, a director of the Eastern Shore Public Service Company of Maryland, a director of the Eastern Shore Public Service Company of Virginia and a director and first vice presi-

dent of the County Trust Company of Cambridge. He also has served as a director and vice president of the Franklin Credit Finance Corporation. In 1939 he was appointed to the Maryland State Road Commission and served on this commission until December, 1947, when he retired. Mr. Webb is a member of the Cambridge Country Club, and Cambridge Yacht Club, and of the Merchants Club of Baltimore. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of Cambridge Lodge Number 66, of Cambridge Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Cambridge Council, Royal and Select Masters, Cambridge Commandery, Knights Templar and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Baltimore; and he is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Cambridge, being past exalted ruler, past district deputy grand ruler. Mr. Webb is a Democrat by political affiliation. His favorite hobbies are fishing and flower-gardening.

He married Mildred Woolford, who died in 1941, and he has one daughter, Mildred Virginia.

**R. E. POWELL AND COMPANY**—Recently, R. E. Powell Company of Salisbury had the opportunity, on an anniversary occasion, to look back over seventy-five years of its history—fruitful years which had witnessed the upbuilding of one of the Eastern Shore's most valuable merchandising enterprises. Its origins go back to Civil War days, when Salisbury was a small town about one-seventh of its present size, with unpaved streets, lighted with small coal-oil lamps, and all but one of its buildings constructed of wood, many of them aging and in a state of disrepair. On Main Street there were as many residences as commercial establishments. Wicomico County, of which Salisbury is now the county seat, had not been formed, and the town itself was in the two counties of Somerset and Worcester, the street dividing the two sections thus receiving its present name: Division Street. One railroad had pushed through to the town, giving the growing community its sole rail connection with the outside world; but the commonest means of travel and transportation was then by water.

Despite these limiting factors, the town of Salisbury had already established an enviable reputation as a mercantile and trading center. Located there during this period was a large store owned by William Birkhead, and known as "Birkhead's." This establishment was one of the best known on the lower shore, and enjoyed a large patronage. To this store some time in the 1860s came a young man from the country who applied for a position and was accepted. This young man was Robert E. Powell. His father, a local preacher who had engaged in the mercantile business at Snow Hill and later at Powellville, had retired to his farm, located near Mount Zion Church (which had not then been built), on the road from Whiton to Snow Hill, about one and one half miles over the Worcester County line. The writer of a column on local history, appearing in the "Wicomico Countian" thus tells us of Powell in his youth:

The exact year of Robert E. Powell coming to Salisbury is unknown to the writer, but from a letter in his possession, written shortly after he entered the William Birkhead store, it must have been in the early 1860s—he was born in 1845. Thus the roots of the business were planted nearly ninety years ago. He has been described to me as a very popular man. Friendly, socially inclined, jovial, full of fun and loved to play practical jokes of an innocent type—one of which, at least, found its way into print and was enjoyed by the readers of the Advertiser. Irving S. Powell, though always genial and friendly, was more on the sedate and conservative line. A fine man of high character, devoted to his business,

his home and his large circle of friends. James L. Powell, a good business man, a buyer and salesman par excellence, was full of life and fun and the joy of living. He had friends in all classes and all groups. He also liked a joke, even if it was on himself.

This young man was a natural-born merchant. He rose rapidly in the business, outstripping others with longer experience, some of whom became in later years important men in the mercantile and business life of Salisbury. He received invaluable experience at Birkhead's store, whose proprietor was known as the "Wanamaker of the Eastern Shore;" and the young man had also inherited much from his father, Rev. Robert H. Powell, who had earlier been a merchant at Snow Hill and Powellville. Indeed, the title of a brochure appearing shortly after the death of the founder in 1894 indicates the nature of their recurring talent in successive generations: "A Family of Born Merchants." The volume may well be a collector's rarity now, among Eastern Shore bibliophiles.

In the course of a few years, ill health and the subsequent death of William Birkhead occurred; and with a son of William Birkhead, Charles J. Birkhead, and Samuel H. Carey, Mr. Powell formed the firm of Powell, Birkhead and Carey, predecessor of R. E. Powell and Company, and the same organization as far as continuity of operation is concerned. When Birkhead and Carey withdrew, Mr. Powell acquired their interest and brought into the firm a brother, Irving S. Powell, and somewhat later, a second brother, James L. Powell. These men, with Samuel E. Gordy, for many years composed the management of the firm.

Mr. Gordy devoted himself largely to the financial aspects of the business, though familiar with the other aspects of its operation. The following account of his character appeared in the local press:

His sane, sound judgment and common sense was recognized in all financial and business circles of Salisbury. He was an enthusiastic baseball fan—old Gordy Park was named in his honor. One of his hobbies was farming and stockraising and his farm near town, to which he was almost a daily visitor, was one of the best run and managed in this section.

The great fire of 1886 wiped out all of Salisbury's main business area, and the old store building with its stock was totally destroyed. Thus passed away the historic first Powell store—an old-time establishment lighted by coal-oil lamps, and heated by stoves, a large one in the rear of the building and a smaller one in front. This early store, it is of interest to note in passing, had even done business on a barter basis: "eggs, etc., being taken in trade for merchandise or 'due bills' issued redeemable at any time for merchandise." The store had also played the role of banker for local business men and citizens. But these tokens of another era passed away with the great fire.

Never was the spirit of the store's founders put to a greater strain. Before the ashes had cooled they were at work again, laying the foundations of a new endeavor. They bought new merchandise, which they first retailed at a shack constructed on West Church, just back of their old site. Other merchants did likewise, with the result that there sprang up along this street a succession of humble but hopeful enterprises which collectively received the designation, "Slab Row," because of the materials used in the construction of their unimpressive headquarters. In the meantime, however, new stores of a more impressive and permanent nature were arising, to give old Main Street a new face. For R. E. Powell and



Company, building and expansion have never since ceased. The brick building was completed soon after the fire of 1886. In 1905 the company purchased the adjoining store building. In 1920 it bought the original site from Mrs. R. E. Powell, widow of the founder, giving the firm a double building, each part of which was three stories in height. In 1929 a new front was added, and the third floor of each building was reconstructed in such a way as to admit the addition of new departments. The entire store underwent a complete remodelling in 1938. Air conditioning had been added a year earlier.

Like many successful business establishments in England and America, continuing a prosperous existence year after year, R. E. Powell and Company has always been a family-controlled and a family-operated business, and today members of the Powell family are its controlling stockholders. Robert E. Powell died in 1894. The firm was reorganized by the surviving partners: Irving S. Powell, James L. Powell, and Samuel E. Gordy. It was incorporated in 1905, with Irving S. Powell as its first president. This was the year in which its operations "overflowed" into a second and adjoining store. It was truly a year indicative of progress for the company.

In 1908 Walter J. Powell (q.v.), who later became president of the firm, became associated in its operations. He was a son of William Solon Powell, a member of the family who had himself never become a member of the firm. He operated a large country store at Whiton, and it was written of him in later years by one who worked for him at that store, "There never was a kinder, bigger hearted man than he—nor was there ever a jollier, sunnier man. His was a happy disposition. Come rain or sunshine, his cheerful face and hearty laugh were ever present." His son proved himself an able executive of the firm of R. E. Powell and Company. Under his direction the company assumed its present form. He served as president from 1922 until the time of his death, January 19, 1933. As to personality, he inherited largely from his father, and was a popular figure among the citizens of Salisbury.

Another early member of the firm was the late Miss Lizzie Powell, a sister of the founders, who was concerned with the ownership and direction of the firm for some time before her death.

Mrs. Marian Evans Powell (q.v.), widow of the late Walter J. Powell, succeeded him as president of the firm. Its other officers are William Sewell Powell (q.v.), son of Walter J. and Marian (Evans) Powell, now first vice president of the firm; Bayard W. Cooper (q.v.), second vice president and general manager; George W. Stevens, secretary and treasurer; and Herbert Hardesty, advertising manager.

The company has kept pace with the growth of the city which surrounds it. It has always satisfied the requirements of its customers, and has maintained a high standard, both in quality and in service. It has been a part of the commercial life of its section for three quarters of a century, and its owners, and those associated with it have always been active factors in every movement for the growth and progress of this community and the entire Eastern Shore peninsula. R. E. Powell and Company may be justly proud of its record of merchandising leadership. Its name has become a household word throughout this and the several adjoining counties, and has consistently been identified with ethical business practices and

a spirit of friendliness to its customers. It has been progressive, and has kept pace both in regard to merchandise, and its policies in regard to its employees and the general public. Its position in the community is now stronger than ever, and its sales force daily comes into contact with an increasing number of people. It is the type of solidly established, well-liked firm which continues perennially in good favor, and the prosperity which attends it.

On the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the company's founding, a dinner was held in the Wicomico Hotel. On this occasion, Mrs. Powell, as president of the company was presented with a beautiful plaque by Oscar E. Davis, spokesman for the staff. This expresses a tribute to the gifts of leadership possessed by Mrs. Powell, and her predecessors in the management of the company:

To the rare quality of sympathetic understanding shown in such great abundance for seventy-five years by the guiding spirit of R. E. Powell and Company. From their loyal employees—September 14, 1949.

On the same occasion, recognition was given to those who had devoted many years of loyal service to the company. Its second vice president and manager, Mr. Cooper, has been with R. E. Powell and Company for about forty-five years. Oscar E. Davis has nearly forty years of service, and Frank W. Coulbourne, thirty-one years. Many others of the employees may be said to have grown up with the company. Owners, management and employees have always been closely knitted together into a compact and co-operative organization, reflecting good will and mutual respect. It exemplifies the type of enterprise on which the present-day commercial development of the Eastern Shore has depended.

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**CHARLES H. HAYMAN**—Founder of the Charles Work Company at Princess Anne in Somerset County, H. Hayman Wholesale and Retail Lumber and Mill a firm owned and operated today by his eldest son, the late Charles H. Hayman was also a director of the Peoples Bank of Somerset County, a leader in the county's political affairs and otherwise in many ways a contributor to the development not only of the county but the entire Eastern Shore.

Mr. Hayman was born on January 7, 1859, on the "Brownstone" Farm, a few miles west of Princess Anne on the Manokin River. He was the son of John W. and Louisa (Pusey) Hayman, members of prominent Somerset County families. Mr. Hayman spent his entire life in Somerset County, where he received what the "Marylander and Herald" called a "moderate education" in the public schools.

When he was eighteen years of age, Charles H. Hayman began his apprenticeship as a carpenter. Five years later, after completing this training when only twenty-four years old, he entered the contracting and construction field under his own name, becoming, in the ensuing years, an outstanding authority in his line on the lower Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia. During this period he constructed many of the important buildings and larger residences in this section of the state. In 1891, at the age of thirty-two years, he gave up the contracting and construction business and opened a wholesale and retail lumber and building material company at the same location where it operates today. This business was extremely successful, supplying materials from the Mason-Dixon line to Cape Charles, Virginia.





*Chas. H. Chapman*









*William Harrison*

In time, Mr. Hayman added a hardware department to his business and, soon afterward, farm implements. The original building was enlarged to take care of his gradually increasing business, until at the time of his death, he carried one of the largest stocks of merchandise on the entire peninsula, and the floor space exceeded forty-three thousand square feet. He was considered an authority on building operations, and customers came from all parts of Somerset County and the Eastern Shore.

In 1921 Mr. Hayman organized the C. H. Hayman and Sons Company, taking into partnership his two sons, Charles Edwin and Lee Hayman, and his daughter, Mrs. Madeline Estelle Hayman Dougherty, and this partnership was still functioning at the time of his death.

Less than a year before his death, in 1924, Mr. Hayman was elected to the board of directors of the Peoples Bank of Somerset County. He was also a life-long member of Manokin Presbyterian Church, a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of Shekinah Lodge, No. 35, Knights of Pythias, of Princess Anne. In politics Mr. Hayman was a staunch Democrat, and was active in all political affairs pertaining to the people and taxpayers of Somerset County.

Mr. Hayman died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Princess Anne on Sunday, April 5, 1925, at the age of sixty-six. He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Mae Estelle Le Compte Hayman of Princess Anne; five children, Charles Edwin Hayman (q.v.) Lee L. Hayman, Sidney M. Hayman, Francis L. Hayman and Mrs. Madeline Estelle (Hayman) Dougherty, and two sisters, one brother, and one granddaughter. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, April 7, 1925, at the Manokin Presbyterian Church, with the Reverend Frederick D. Viehe, pastor, officiating. The funeral was one of the largest in Princess Anne in years, with representative citizens from all parts of Maryland and neighboring states as well as Somerset County attending to pay their last respects to Mr. Hayman. Interment was in the Manokin Presbyterian Cemetery—the churchyard—in Princess Anne.

"Yes, in the words of this life, Charlie Hayman is dead, but there lives and will continue to live for years to come the sweet memory of his life, spent in unselfish desire to serve others, to make the lives of everyone with whom he came into contact, better, easier and more pleasant," the "Marylander and Herald" concluded. "If we had been writing the words that will be placed on the marker that will be erected in the old Presbyterian graveyard where his last remains are now resting, we would place thereon just these simple words: 'Here lies a man'."

**CHARLES EDWIN HAYMAN**—Few of the citizens of Princess Anne, Maryland, have served their community more effectively, or in more ways, than Charles Edwin Hayman. His successful business career has centered about his assumption of active management of the diverse business interests of his late father, Charles H. Hayman; and he is now president and treasurer of C. H. Hayman & Sons Co., Inc. and sole owner of all the corporation's stock. He has been as tirelessly active, and has displayed his abilities as effectively, in the fields of politics, civic welfare, and fraternal organizations.

Born in Princess Anne on January 10, 1893, Charles Edwin Hayman is a son of Charles H. and Mae Estelle (Le Compte) Hayman. The place of his birth

was Prince William Street, on which street he now resides. He was educated in the public and private schools of Somerset County, thereafter taking a business course in business finance and law. This was in preparation for assuming responsibility in connection with his father's widespread interests; and at the death of Charles H. Hayman, Charles Edwin took over active management of the affairs of the father and family. In addition to his successful business career, he has found time to give his personal and financial support to all deserving civic, fraternal and political organizations. He was elected president of the Rotary Club, and was responsible for many worthwhile projects sponsored by that club. He was president of the Business Men's Association for several terms and organized many civic programs which were very successful. Mr. Hayman was president of the volunteer fire company of his town, and under his leadership this fire-fighting aggregate moved into their new home on Prince William Street and purchased their first automotive fire engine. Instrumental in the organizing of the Del-Mar-Va Farm Equipment Dealers Association, Charles Edwin Hayman served as its president for several years. During the depression of the 1930s, Mr. Hayman was called on many times to give aid and comfort to his friends and neighbors in his county. He served as county chairman of the National Housing Bureau and helped many residents of the county to secure better housing during those trying times. He was also on the finance board and the board of directors, as well as being a vice president, of the Farm Credit Association. It was through his efforts that many farmers were able to keep their farms operating. Mr. Hayman also served on the welfare board and the planning commission for Somerset County. Through his unstinting and conscientious work in these many agencies, he has earned the lasting friendship of the rural people whose contribution is so important to the welfare of the Eastern Shore. Perhaps no man has served them in more ways than he.

During World War II, Mr. Hayman was county chairman of the United Service Organizations and affiliated relief agencies in Somerset County; and with his staff raised large sums of money for the entertainment of United States troops far away from home. He was in charge of veteran rehabilitation on the Selective Service Board during the war, and after the cessation of hostilities acted as advisor to veterans in Somerset County on behalf of the Veterans Service Board.

Political activity has played an important part throughout the adult life of Charles Edwin Hayman. He has been a prominent member and a definite influence in the Democratic party in Maryland; and all factions and parties have felt the weight of his influence. He was appointed by the Senate of Maryland to serve on a memorial committee to honor his great and good friend, the late Governor Albert C. Ritchie. When Mr. Hayman was a candidate for public office he led his ticket, and garnered more votes than anyone else. Although he sought elective office only once in his varied career, he has been influential in the selection of many aspiring candidates as well as in the defeat of others whom he considered unworthy. He has worked long and untiringly for new legislation he deemed necessary and desirable for the welfare of his fellow citizens. Mr. Hayman has been president of the Democratic Club in Princess Anne for many years, and it is said in well-informed politi-



cal circles throughout the state that he has a larger personal political following than any other man in Somerset County. He is a trusted and loyal ally to his friends and a formidable foe to his opponents.

Vitally interested in the cause of good education, Mr. Hayman was influential in the recent construction of Washington High School at Princess Anne, which took the place of the second Washington High School which was constructed by his father, Charles H. Hayman, in 1893. He was also responsible for the first macadam streets in his town. Charles Edwin Hayman has been a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church, and served for many years on the Board of Deacons as secretary. He has been affiliated with the lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for more than thirty years.

Mr. Hayman has twice married and has one daughter and one grandson.

**BURTON MARION WILKINSON**, editor of "The Caroline Sun" of Ridgely, has been in the printing business for more than thirty-two years and a newspaper editor for more than sixteen years. He takes an active interest in community affairs and through the pages of "The Caroline Sun" lends his support to all good causes that make for the welfare of the community.

He was born in Ridgely, March 1, 1903, the son of Henry and Annie (Burton) Wilkinson, the former a native of Burrisville, Caroline County, Maryland, and the latter of Millsboro, Sussex County, Delaware, now residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The late Henry Wilkinson, who died on August 22, 1933, was a newspaper publisher in Ridgely and for twenty-six years served his community as justice of the peace.

Burton Marion Wilkinson attended the local schools and went as far as the tenth grade in Ridgely High School, but the rest of his education has been acquired outside the regular academic channels. When he was fourteen he started to learn the printing business in association with his father, who had started in business as a printer and publisher in Ridgely on March 15, 1902, a year before Burton Marion Wilkinson was born. After the death of his father in 1933, Mr. Wilkinson became editor of the newspaper, and has continued as such to the present time, concurrently active in the management of the printing end of the business. He is a member of the Maryland Press Association, and a member and past secretary of the Ridgely Chamber of Commerce. A Democrat in his political ties, Mr. Wilkinson has never held elective office, but takes a keen interest in local politics. Fraternally he is affiliated with Temple Lodge No. 128, at Denton, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Edenton Chapter, No. 36, Royal Arch Masons at Denton; Chesapeake Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar, at Denton, of which he is treasurer; and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Baltimore. He is a member of the Ridgely Methodist Church.

On January 27, 1923, at Easton, Burton Marion Wilkinson married Hilda Bruff Lewis, the daughter of Samuel and Ida Lewis, both natives of Denton, the latter deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson have one daughter, Mrs. Marian Burton (Wilkinson) Walls of Ridgely.

**PAUL E. WATSON** is president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Salisbury, with which he has been associated since 1926. Mr. Watson is part owner

of the Watson Smoke House, which he first opened in 1896, three years after moving to Salisbury as a boy.

He was born August 22, 1878, in Horntown, Virginia, the son of Major and Mary E. (Wilkerson) Watson, his father being a blacksmith and wheelwright.

Paul E. Watson attended the country school of Horntown, Virginia, where he obtained his early formal education. After leaving school he became a clerk in the store of John Otwell, and after a short time there entered the employ of Johnson & Nelson at New Church. In 1893 his family moved to Salisbury, and he secured a position in a retail grocery store. Three years later, in 1896, he opened the Watson Smoke House, which proved to be a wonderful success. For years Mr. Watson made his own cigars. In 1926 he became cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, and in 1934, he was made president of the bank, a post he still holds today. As cashier and then president of this bank, Mr. Watson has contributed much to the commercial welfare of Salisbury and the surrounding countryside. He is affiliated fraternally with Wicomico Lodge, Number 91, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and with Lodge Number 817 of Salisbury, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Watson married at Salisbury on April 22, 1908, Alice Bradley, the daughter of J. Alfred and Lillian (Walston) Bradley, her father being a foreman for the Jackson Lumber Company in Salisbury. Mr. and Mrs. Watson had one son, Paul E. Watson, Jr., who was born May 16, 1913, at Salisbury, Maryland, and died there November 29, 1934.

**CHALLICE HAYDON METCALFE, M.D.**—For many years a well known physician and surgeon of Sudlersville, Dr. Chalice Haydon Metcalfe has done much to alleviate suffering and to maintain high standards of health in the community.

Haydon Metcalfe was born January 21, 1891, at Manassas, Virginia, son of Joseph Brown and Anna Traies (Haydon) Metcalfe. Both his parents were natives of England. Joseph Brown Metcalfe, father of Haydon Metcalfe, as a young man sailed the seas as a ship captain. He came to this country about 1881, and developed large farming interests. He married Anna Haydon, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Anna Jane Traies, who was married to Dudley George Roe. 2. Agnes Brown, who became the wife of Joseph Roy Baden. 3. Joseph Brown, Jr. 4. Margaret Elizabeth, who became the wife of John F. Stokes. 5. Chalice Haydon, of whom further. 6. James G.

Chalice Haydon Metcalfe received his early education with a governess at home. Later he entered the preparatory department of Washington College at Chestertown, Maryland, and graduated from that school in 1908. He then attended Washington College for two years. Deciding to take up medicine as a profession, he matriculated at the University of Maryland Medical College. After completing the prescribed courses, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in June, 1914. While in college he participated in sports, and during his summer vacations earned money by playing semi-professional baseball.

Having graduated from medical school, Dr. Metcalfe served his internship at the Bay View Hospital, now known as the Baltimore City Hospital. In 1915, after finishing his year of internship, he came to Sudlersville. Here he established a practice of medicine which continued to grow as the years wore on. In addition to his practice, professionally he has gained



prominence as the result of his memberships in the Bar Association, and the Queen Anne's County Bar Association. During the first World War he served as Queen Anne's County Health Officer and was a member of the local draft board. During the second World War, in addition to his work on the draft board, he served in all fund-raising drives.

Active in the business life of Sudlersville, Dr. Metcalfe holds directorships in the Sudlersville Bank of Maryland, and the Sudlersville Frozen Food Locker Company.

His hobby is skeet shooting, and in connection with this recreation he serves as president of the Maryland Skeet Association.

On August 2, 1916, Dr. Challice Haydon Metcalfe married Mary Cary Harrison, daughter of Dr. John Winfield and Frances Gwyn (Thruston) Harrison. Dr. Harrison, a native of Petersburg, Virginia, married Frances Thruston, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Mary Cary, of further mention. 2. Anne Boisseau, who married John M. Green. 3. William Hartwell, a graduate of St. John's Military Academy, who distinguished himself in both World War I and World War II as an officer in the United States Marines; he now holds the rank of brigadier general, retired. General Harrison is the holder of presidential citation for meritorious service for World War II. Mary Cary (Harrison) Metcalfe, a native of Baltimore County, Maryland, attended Washington College, and is now active in the Daughters of the American Revolution and in church work of various types.

Dr. Challice Haydon and Mary Cary (Harrison) Metcalfe became the parents of the following children: 1. Frances Gwynne, who became the wife of Charles Leland Harrison, a captain in World War II. Their children: i. Charles Leland, Jr. ii. Haydon Metcalfe. 2. Mary Cary, who is an executive with the Atlantic Refining Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 3. Josephine Brown, who was married to Dr. Robert Lee Imler, a captain in the United States Army Medical Corps; they became the parents of one daughter, Anne Haydon Imler.

**CLARENCE LEON BYRD**, a partner with his brother James E. Byrd, Jr., in the Eastern Shore Publishing Company of Princess Anne, publishers of the "Marylander & Herald," is not only an able newspaperman, thoroughly trained from boyhood in the printing and publishing business, but a public-spirited citizen, well liked throughout the region, who can always be counted upon to support every worthwhile community enterprise. Together he and his older brother James carry forward the business in which his father was engaged during his lifetime.

Born in Salisbury, September 3, 1911, Clarence Leon Byrd is the son of the late James E. and Mary (Gillis) Byrd. His father, a native of Crisfield, was a highly respected newspaper editor and publisher; he was a Democrat and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Mary (Gillis) Byrd was born in Delmar, Delaware.

Clarence Leon Byrd attended the local elementary schools and Washington High School of Princess Anne, from which he graduated in the mid-term, in January, 1931. He had already spent much time working in his father's plant after school and during the summer months. Now he took technical training at the Intertype School in Brooklyn, New York. He

then entered the regular employ of the Eastern Shore Publishing Company. In 1933 he became a member of the firm. For a short time prior to its sale, Mr. Byrd edited and published the "Berlin Times," and he also worked for a brief period for the late A. R. Holcomb, its purchaser. In 1936 he and his brother James purchased their father's interest in the Eastern Shore Publishing Company, and they have operated it as a partnership since that date. Mr. Byrd is a prominent member of the Rotary Club and has served as its president, vice president, secretary and treasurer upon various occasions. He has also served as vice president of the Business Men's Association. He belongs to the Maryland Press Association. In political affiliation he is a Democrat, and he is a member of the Manokin Presbyterian Church.

Clarence Leon Byrd married, at Delmar, Delaware, on September 16, 1938, Mary Ellen Brown, a native of Delmar and the daughter of John and Hattie (Elliott) Brown; the father born near Wilmington, the mother in Delmar. Mr. and Mrs. Byrd are the parents of one child, Donna Elaine, born in Princess Anne, January 27, 1944.

**JAMES ERNEST BYRD, JR.**, editor of the "Marylander & Herald" of Princess Anne and one of the two partners of the Eastern Shore Publishing Company which publishes it, has had over twenty years' experience in the printing and newspaper business. Since 1936, when he and his brother Clarence L. Byrd purchased their father's interest in the Eastern Shore Publishing Company, they have operated it in partnership. Mr. Byrd takes an active part in community affairs and has served as chairman of the Red Cross campaign, the cancer campaign and similar drives, as well as giving newspaper support to all worth-while projects.

He was born in Salisbury January 18, 1909, the son of the late James E. and Mary (Gillis) Byrd, the former a native of Crisfield, the latter of Delmar. James E. Byrd, Sr., in addition to carrying on the work of a newspaper editor and publisher, was active in community life, a Democrat and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

James E. Byrd, Jr. received his education in the local elementary schools, Washington High School at Princess Anne, and the Intertype School, Brooklyn, New York. He started his newspaper career under his father, on the "Marylander & Herald" and has been connected with this paper ever since, except for short periods with the John Sass Printing Company in Denver, Colorado, with the "State Register" in Laurel, Delaware, and with the "Berlin Times" in Berlin, respectively. He became a member of the Eastern Shore Publishing Company, publishers of the "Marylander & Herald," in 1933, with a one-third interest in the firm. In 1936 he and his brother Clarence L. Byrd bought out his father's interest in the business, and since that time James E. Byrd, Jr., has been co-publisher of the paper and its editor. Like his father, Mr. Byrd is a Democrat. He is a member and past president of the Rotary Club and at the present time is serving as its secretary. He also belongs to the Salisbury Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Manokin Presbyterian Church.

In Salisbury, June 3, 1933, James Ernest Byrd, Jr., married Lois Anne Serman, born March 31, 1915, in Salisbury, the daughter of Randolph and Grace (Hardesty) Serman, the former a native of Salisbury, the

latter born in West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Byrd have two children: 1. James Ernest Byrd, 3rd., born April 22, 1940. 2. John Bryan Byrd, born June 25, 1943 at Princess Anne.

**GRAHAM GUNBY**—Over a period of nearly half a century, Graham Gunby was an outstanding business and civic leader of Salisbury. From about the turn of the century, he was an executive of the L. W. Gunby Company, that had been established in 1872, and still is going strong. Nature had endowed him with the essential qualities that made for commercial success, and he possessed the character that led him to constructive services in the community of which he was for so long a respected member.

After completing his formal schooling, Graham Gunby prepared himself for a career by attending a business college, and shortly afterward became associated with the L. W. Gunby Company, a wholesale and retail hardware firm favorably known not only in Salisbury, but over a wide surrounding area. He learned the business in all of its very large details, and at the time of his passing had long been the vice president and general manager of the company. Mr. Gunby was elected president of the Wicomico Hotel Corporation, and a member of the board of directors of the Salisbury National Bank and of the Eastern Shore Public Service Company. He served as a trustee of the Peninsula General Hospital, and the John B. Parsons Home for the Aged. Formerly Mr. Gunby had been a director of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, and by right of notable ancestry was a member and former president of the Wicomico County Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. At the time of his death on June 27, 1947, he was survived by an only son, Graham Gunby, Jr.

In the passing of the elder Mr. Gunby, Salisbury suffered the loss of a distinguished citizen, whose career might well serve as an example to the modern generation. He had met the challenges of life without flinching; contributed to the development of his community by personal achievements and hearty co-operation; and left a record worthy of a high place in the annals of the city he loved and served well.

**ADKINS FAMILY**—The annals of the Adkins family, of Salisbury, are so much a prominent feature of the utilization of one of the natural resources of Maryland as to be practically inseparable. The story of several generations of Adkins is the tale of an old style sawmill that has grown in eighty-seven years to a great enterprise of modern mills, wood-working plants of variety, and warehouses located in several communities. What for the larger part of this period has been known as E. S. Adkins and Company, is a concern prepared to supply "Everything Needed for Building."

Although Maryland is not noted for heavy stands of forest, much of the state depended upon trees for its initial settlement. The pioneer had to obtain wood to build his first cabins and houses, and for fuel. Some was secured in clearing the land and too much lumber was burned wastefully. Soon there was not enough to waste or even to use for log huts. Then came the handy mechanic who could construct and run a small water-power mill on some of the numerous streams. It was from a gristmill pond that the Adkins lumber venture was launched.

Stanton Adkins (q.v.) was born in Worcester County, Maryland, on October 18, 1820, about a generation after the founding of the United States. He was matured when he secured a mill-pond at Powellville, on which was a gristmill that ground corn and grain for the relatively few settlers of the section. The beginning of the War Between the States was a most unpropitious time for starting any new enterprise in the Eastern Shore country, but Stanton Adkins, in 1861, had the courage to put his pond to a larger use. He used its power to drive a six-foot up-and-down saw that could turn out about one to two thousand board feet of rough lumber a day, and did so to his death in 1871. He was fifty-one years of age at the time of his passing, a truly important figure in the political, town and religious life of the community as a progressive citizen, sometime official and member of the Old School Baptist Church.

Following the death of Grandfather Stanton Adkins, his son Elijah Stanton Adkins, took over the operation of the mill and began an aggressive management that culminated in exceptional success. In 1883, the old up-and-down saw and the water power was replaced by a good sized circular saw driven by steam, together with some wood working equipment. "That was the true badge of the up-to-dateness in lumber milling, for it was not many years earlier that the circular saw had just completed the experimental term in its development."

As demand grew for Adkins lumber, and the plant was improved to the stage that it could supply more than local demands, it became evident that the business should be moved to some better place than Powellville, which was remote from railroad or water transportation facilities. Salisbury, then small but destined to become the largest Eastern Shore city, was chosen as the site, and in 1892, "in the face of national financial panic," the land was acquired on which the present first real modern Adkins Mill was erected a year later, and the firm of E. S. Adkins and Company, founded.

The annals of this Adkins milling industry extends over more than half a century of years good and bad. Little more than a decade after the Salisbury plant had been put in operation came the "Fire of 1904," that completely destroyed the mill buildings of the company together with a large accumulated stock of cut lumber. Elijah Stanton Adkins set about immediately to rebuild on a larger scale. "That epochal night in 1904 proved a steppingstone. Its destruction was total, but it provided a new physical starting place and the new plant was enriched by its attitude and perspective; improved in facilities and capacities." Elijah Stanton Adkins promoted and financed his operations in what was still characteristic of his day, taking large risks in financing that were frequently dependent upon the co-operation of lumbermen, which he seemed usually to obtain loyally and well. His word and reputation were good. When the Peoples National Bank was organized in May, 1904, he was appointed to the board selected to direct its fiscal affairs, but he centered his business endeavors almost completely to his milling company. He entered civic affairs, however, with excellent results and was frequently called "the outstanding citizen of Salisbury."

On January 29, 1876, Elijah Stanton Adkins married Henrietta Frances Tilghman, daughter of Samuel Henry Thompson Tilghman who once owned a gristmill and sawmill near Whiton, Maryland. Her mother was the former Hettie Ann Coulbourn Jones. "The



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name Tilghman," writes a biographer of that family, "holds an enviable heritage on the Eastern Shore. No record of political, social, business, culture or religious life of the Eastern Shore, no matter how synoptic it might be, could exclude the name Tilghman from its pages." Of Mrs. Henrietta Tilghman Adkins it has been said, "She came from a family known for ingenuity and ability, and carefully schooled her boys in a reverent attitude toward the God-given benevolence of Nature, the tree."

Elijah Stanton Adkins did not live to see more than a promise of the growth that his company was to make. He was fortunate, however, in having his older sons come one by one to be associated with him in the enterprise. The first Salisbury mill plant had a capacity of ten thousand board-feet per day; the present concern has a capacity of above one hundred and fifty thousand feet, with many added wood work, building materials and service features that were never dreamed of by the founder.

Elijah Stanton Adkins (q.v.) was born June 25, 1849, and died November 28, 1912. Mrs. Henrietta Frances (Tilghman) Adkins was born in Worcester County, Maryland, on September 29, 1854, and died on November 14, 1908, in Salisbury. They were the parents of eight children: 1. Edwin Stanton, born January 3, 1877, who died August 24, 1878. 2. Fred(erick) P(aul), born November 9, 1878. 3. Edna Urith, born January 23, 1881. 4. Elijah Dale (q.v.), born August 14, 1883. 5. Harry C(ovington) (q.v.), born January 10, 1886. 6. Wilsie Ann, born May 17, 1889. 7. Samuel F(rancis) M(arion) (q.v.), born November 21, 1893. 8. Minnie Rosina, born July 28, 1896.

The four sons of Elijah Stanton Adkins have been alert to discover the best possible services to builders. They have sought to provide materials of quality and reasonable cost. Branch yards have been established at Berlin, Centreville, Chestertown, Easton and Hurluck, Maryland, yards that supplement the main headquarters at Salisbury. In every way the slogan of E. S. Adkins and Company, "Everthing Needed for Building," has been lived up to, and the comment of a writer is merited: "For a business to live and grow in one family for over fifty years is a fact that one can well be proud of. It is proof that the business was built on a solid foundation and its tremendous growth is proof of progressive policies throughout all the years that have been appreciated by the people in the Eastern Shore country."

Men and not machines are the making of any important industrial enterprise and to the four sons of E. S. Adkins are largely due the success of Adkins-Salisbury. They are Fred P. Adkins, president; Elijah Dale Adkins, vice president and manager of branches; Samuel F. M. Adkins, second vice president and general manager; Harry C. Adkins, secretary and treasurer.

Fred P. Adkins, in addition to his official duties with the company, has served Maryland as a member of the Shore Tax Commission of Maryland; as a member of the State Industrial Accident Commission; first president of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce and the Del-Mar-Va Association; chairman of the Wicomico County War Price and Rationing Board. He was chairman of the Building Committee and first president of the Wicomico Hotel, a modern hostelry in Salisbury, is identified with numerous civic projects and is generously helpful to the Bethesda Methodist Church and humanitarian endeavors. One of the highest honors conferred by Salisbury was awarded him in 1942 for outstanding services to the community. The award reads: "To that citizen of Salisbury, Mary-

land, who in their judgment has rendered a service during that year which has been of the greatest benefit to the happiness, prosperity, intellectual advancement, or moral growth of the Community of Salisbury, or who is deserving of public recognition." The award is known as the "Salisbury Award."

Elijah Dale Adkins, first vice president of the company, has lived a life of productive action; much of which has been devoted to the political phases of Maryland's Eastern Shore. In addition to many important posts, E. D. Adkins very ably served as State Senator. He was the first Republican to be elected to the State Senate from Wicomico County. Proof of the esteem in which he is held can well be measured from the fact that even though there was a registered Democratic majority of three to one, Mr. Adkins won the choice of the Wicomico citizens.

Up to 1932, E. D. Adkins was general manager of the company but his full understanding of the building needs of the people on the Eastern Shore required that he take over the complete management of the branch yards at Easton, Centreville, and Chestertown. He now lives in Oxford, Talbot County.

Samuel F. M. Adkins, general manager of the company, is the man to whom writes a commentator, "falls the complications and ramifications of all manufacturing and servicing details. Every step of production from the sawmill out in the forests on through all stages of manufacture up to and including delivery to the customer comes under the keen supervision of Sam Adkins. When the vast variety of items which pass through a plant as large as the Adkins mill is considered, it is readily seen that Sam Adkins' job is one requiring masterful handling."

Harry C. Adkins has been secretary and treasurer of the company since 1910. In addition to the duties these two offices imply Harry Adkins is in charge of purchasing for the building materials department. This in itself is an extremely important responsibility as it is his task to see that all the latest ideas in materials produced by manufacturers all over the nation and their uses are made available to customers of E. S. Adkins and Company. In spite of the time and attention he must necessarily devote to his duties, Harry Adkins still finds time and energy to efficiently and conscientiously service his church as well as his affiliation with the Rotary Club.

Further details concerning four generations of this family appear in subsequent individual accounts.

**B. J. LINTHICUM'S SONS**—In the history of Dorchester County, the firm of B. J. Linthicum's Sons is of interest as being that county's oldest automobile dealer, maintaining a sales and service agency continuously for more than thirty years.

In 1915 three sons of B. J. Linthicum acquired the Chevrolet agency at Church Creek, in Dorchester County. They were Charles D., Josiah F., and William G. Linthicum. For several years previously they had worked in their father's store, and manufactured bicycles, buying the parts and assembling them for sale. On opening the automotive agency, their first car was No. 82 from the Chevrolet factory, in the old 490 model. They were a very small concern at that time. However, growth was steady, and in 1923 they moved into Cambridge, locating on the old Simmons property at the corner of Race and Cedar streets. They erected a modern building, which they first occupied December 1, 1923. To-day, their average retail output is approximately two hundred new cars per year, with their maximum being three

hundred and fifty new and one thousand used cars. They employ twenty-five to twenty-eight people, and their territory is all of Dorchester County except the northeast corner. Throughout their history they have retailed Chevrolet cars exclusively.

Charles Dixon Linthicum, oldest of the three brothers, was born in Church Creek, March 24, 1891. Beginning his education in the public schools, he then attended Western Maryland Preparatory School, graduating there in 1908. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Maryland College in 1912. Then entering his father's store, he worked there until 1915, the year his present business was founded. Charles D. Linthicum has been concerned chiefly with sales. To his automotive interests he has added other business connections, and is a director of the County Trust Company. He is associated prominently with the activities of his colleagues in the automotive industry, having served as chairman of the Dorchester County board of the Maryland Automotive Dealers Association, and is a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association.

An ardent fisherman, Charles D. Linthicum may, during any spare time, be found on the waters of the region with hand line or gill net. His hobby has lent an interesting slant to his occupation, for he has stocked in his agency a large supply of fishing equipment, dispensing same to customers along with much valuable advice and lore concerning the finned population of the locality. His sporting interests include yachting, and he is a member of the Cambridge Yacht Club. He is a Democrat. Charles D. Linthicum married, on December 12, 1923, Hazel Woolford, who is of an old Eastern Shore family, daughter of Captain Lee B. and Emma (Coursey) Woolford.

Josiah F. Linthicum, second son of Benjamin J. Linthicum, was born March 8, 1892. He was educated in the public schools, at Western Maryland Preparatory School, and Western Maryland College. Less active than his two brothers in the automobile agency, he has devoted most of his time to extensive farming operations. During World War I, he served as a chief mechanic, and is a member of the American Legion. In July, 1917, Josiah F. Linthicum married Clara Brooks, of Madison, Wisconsin, daughter of Joseph W. and Nice (Neal) Brooks. They are the parents of one son, Benjamin J., II, who is at present a student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He served in the United States Navy during World War II, as a navigator in the Pacific.

William Greene Linthicum was born August 30, 1893. He was educated, as were his brothers, at Western Maryland Preparatory School and Western Maryland College. After two years at the latter institution, he went with his father in business, until 1915. From this date he was associated with his brothers in the firm of B. J. Linthicum's Sons, with the exception of service in the artillery during World War I, until his untimely death, December 30, 1947. He had always been an enthusiastic sportsman and hunter, and had been a member of the Skeet Club. In addition to skeet, he enjoyed shooting quail, dove, ducks and geese. He was active in the Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the American Legion and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In 1925 he married Rosalie Woolford, daughter of Captain Lee B. and Emma (Coursey) Woolford, and sister of Hazel Woolford who became the wife of Charles D. Linthicum. His death was the occasion of sorrow, not only to the members of his family,

but throughout the community where he was held in high esteem.

The father of Charles D., Josiah F., and William Green Linthicum was Benjamin J. Linthicum of Church Creek. He operated a large general store which carried an amazingly complete line of merchandise, and it was in this store that his sons gained their early experience in retailing. He also engaged in a number of other activities, operating a large sawmill, and building several ships. These ships were schooners, which he operated in a coastal, trade, and in voyages to the West Indies. He married Mary Greene, of the Rhode Island family of that name, and died January 1, 1921.

**JUDGE WILLIAM HUGHLETT ADKINS** has now retired after a lifetime of service at both bench and bar. His long life has been an unusually full one.

Son of Dr. Isaac Leonard and Mary Elizabeth (Hughlett) Adkins, William Hughlett Adkins was born on the family estate, Woodland, one mile from Easton in Talbot County, on July 21, 1862. His father, a doctor of medicine, was a native of Delaware who spent most of his life in Maryland, of which state his wife, a daughter of William Hughlett, was a native. After attending the Bishop's School in Easton, William H. Adkins entered Johns Hopkins University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1882. The next year he graduated from the law school of the University of Maryland with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. For a time thereafter he read law in the Baltimore offices of Schmucker and White-lock. Then, in 1884, he opened his own law office in Baltimore, practicing there until 1889, when he moved to Easton. In 1906 he was elected to the Second Judicial Circuit bench, as associate judge. In 1919 his experience made him a logical candidate for chief judge of the same circuit, and he also served as associate judge of the court of appeals. Judge Adkins has for many years been a member of the American Bar Association, and of its local counterparts, the state and county societies. Although he retired from the bench in 1934, he has been active in a number of connections since that time.

Judge Adkins has served as a vice president and director of the Easton National Bank, and has had official connection with several other local corporations. He has long operated a farm, and this one-time avocation is his chief interest today. He is a member of the Maryland Agricultural Society. He is a Democrat, and a communicant of the Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, which for many years he served as vestryman.

Judge William Hughlett Adkins married, October 8, 1891, Mary Hand Dawson of Talbot County, daughter of Mordecai M. and Cornelia Dawson. Judge and Mrs. Adkins became the parents of two children: i. Leonard D., who graduated from Easton High School, St. James School for Boys, Trinity College, and Harvard Law School. He is a member of the law firm of Cravath, Swaine and Moore in New York City, and resides in South Norwalk, Connecticut. He married Grace Rathbone and they have five children: i. William H., II, married to Janice Sharp, and the father of one son, William H., III. ii. Leonard Dawson, Jr. iii. Albert R., married to Mary Carpenter. iv. Mary Emma. v. Grace O. 2. Edith Dawson, graduate of Easton High School and of National Cathedral School of Washington. She is unmarried.







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**HERBERT HEARN**—In Cambridge, Dorchester County, the name of Herbert Hearn is esteemed as a senior business man and outstanding citizen of the community. From a small beginning he developed an important enterprise, and from a keeper of a retail store he advanced to the presidency of a large wholesale company. Down through his career he has met and overcome numerous obstacles and turned many a seeming defeat into victory. Of the deserved rewards that have come to him from his endeavors he has shared liberally with others, and by the leadership he gave to his own business contributed thereby to the prosperity of many people, and the betterment of his place with which he has been identified for so long a period.

Herbert Hearn was born on November 22, 1867, near Vienna in the eastern part of Dorchester County, Maryland. His parents, both deceased, were Benjamin Burton Hearn, who came originally from Delaware, long engaged in farming, and Mrs. Charlotte Anne (Smith) Hearn, a native of Dorchester County. The boy grew up on the home farm, and remained with his family until he was well past his majority. He tried his hand at teaching in the rural schools, and did so during his twenty-first and twenty-second year. Neither a career in education nor in agriculture appealed to him greatly, and when twenty-five years of age he purchased a small general store in his home locality. Some six years later, having heard of a hardware store for sale in Cambridge, he acquired it in 1901 and thereby launched himself in a business with which he has since been identified for the past forty-seven years. He ran it under his own personal direction until 1914, when he incorporated the enterprise under the present name of the Herbert Hearn Hardware Company.

In this same year, 1914, larger headquarters were built to accommodate a rapidly growing trade, and in 1918 a wholesale business was given the right of way which in turn required the erection of still larger facilities, and the firm has since operated on even broader lines. Herbert Hearn has been president of the company since its inception, although since 1940 he has retired from most active responsibilities. Other officials of the corporation are: Hobart Phillips (q.v.), vice president; Earl W. Beckwith, secretary, and Miss Nellie P. Skinner, treasurer.

Along with his main business, Mr. Hearn has been officially and financially interested in several local enterprises, such as the County Trust Company, of Cambridge. He is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, a former and charter member of the Rotary Club, and fraternally is affiliated with Cambridge Lodge Number 66, Free and Accepted Masons, Hayward Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Cambridge Commandery, Knights Templar, and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Cambridge Lodge, Number 1217, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Politically he gives allegiance to the Democratic party without ambitions for political preferment. He is a director of the Cambridge (Maryland) State Hospital and co-operates with numerous charitable and humanitarian projects.

Herbert Hearn married (first) Grace Wilson, who is deceased, and they were the parents of a daughter, Ruth, a graduate of local schools, who married June 3, 1922, Hobart Phillips, and is the mother of a daughter, Charlotte Ann; she is a graduate of local schools and an undergraduate of William and Mary College. Mr. Hearn married (second) Edith Spedden, of Dorchester County.

**WILLIAM JOHNSON HARRINGTON**—Active in both insurance and real estate circles in Cambridge, William Johnson Harrington also participates fully in community and club life.

Mr. Harrington is a native of Cambridge, his father having been Emerson C. Harrington, long a resident of that place. After education in the grade and high schools there, Mr. Harrington attended St. John's College.

Starting in the insurance business for himself in August, 1932, he has followed this occupation until the present time, carrying such lines of insurance as fire and casualty, and all other types except life insurance, and representing ten companies in the region. More recent are his real estate activities, he having entered this field in 1946. He deals in all types of properties. He was appointed in February, 1948, to the Maryland Committee of Fire Prevention and Control, and is a member of the Cambridge Library Board. His community interest extends also to include membership in the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Harrington enjoys golf as a hobby, and belongs to the Cambridge Country Club, of which he is director and past president. He is also a member of the Cambridge Yacht Club, and his lodge is the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian, attending the Christ Church.

William Johnson Harrington married, on May 15, 1936, Joan Bosley Noble, of Taylor's Island. She is the daughter of Duncan Noble (q.v.). The Harringtons have two children: John Edward, and William Emerson.

**HENRY ELLSWORTH MCBRIDE**—Chief responsibility for education of the youth of Cecil County rests on Henry Ellsworth McBride. Now superintendent of that county's board of education, he is a man whose abilities as an educational administrator have grown with the magnitude of his task.

Born November 11, 1901, at Brunswick, Maryland, Henry Ellsworth McBride is the son of Luther Ellsworth and Mary Elizabeth (Tritapoe) McBride. Both were natives of Frederick County, and the father was a business man active in church work and in fraternal organizations. Their son was an only child.

Educated in the public schools of Brunswick, and graduating from high school in 1918, Henry McBride made his mark in athletics. During summer months, while in high school, he worked on the railroad.

Entering Gettysburg College, he took his Bachelor of Science degree there in 1922. He was active in Delta Kappa Sigma, and was a first lieutenant in the Student Army Training Corps. Other extra-curricular activities included membership in the Scabbard and Blade and the Pen and Sword societies, acting in college plays, editorial work on the college paper, and membership on the rifle team. He was also for four years a member of the track team.

After taking his degree in 1922, the young man began teaching at Oxford, in Talbot County. His next appointment involved the greater responsibility of principalship, at the new high school at Cardova, and he was next the principal of another new high school at Maryland Park in Prince Georges County, holding this position for one year. Concurrently with these appointments, Henry McBride had been furthering his own education, and received his Master's degree from the University of Maryland in 1926.

From Maryland Park he went as principal to



Ridgely, where he remained until 1930, following this appointment with a tenure at the Chesapeake City High School, where he was principal until 1936. At that time he was appointed superintendent of the board of education of Cecil County, retaining that position until the present time, through two re-appointments. Thus has come about steady advancement, from principalship of an institution enrolling about forty pupils, to superintendency of a system enrolling about five thousand pupils, and having a teaching staff of one hundred and seventy-eight. This school system Superintendent McBride was not satisfied to leave as he found it. A noteworthy achievement has been his getting for this system five new school buildings and three additions to the old buildings. Coming during a period when adequate funds for education are notoriously scanty throughout the nation, this praiseworthy endeavor is one for which the community stands much in Mr. McBride's debt.

Since receiving his Master's degree, Mr. McBride has proceeded to work on the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, at Johns Hopkins and Columbia universities. He is a member of the Maryland Teachers and the National Educational associations, and of the American Association of School Administrators. He likewise remains active outside of the educational realm, being a Mason, and a vestryman in the Episcopal Church.

On February 17, 1923, at Easton, Maryland, Henry Ellsworth McBride was united in marriage with Mabel Elizabeth Barnes, a native of Queen Anne. She has attended summer sessions in college with her husband. They are the parents of two children: 1. Robert Ellsworth, now with the General Electric Company as a trainee in marketing. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and is married to Helen Faze of Gary, Indiana. 2. Mary Jane, who is in training to become a nurse.

**LINWOOD MORRIS**—From farming to dealing on a large scale in many of the materials and equipment used on farms, is, in brief, the story of Linwood Morris. He distributes from his large headquarters in Salisbury his extensive stock of supplies throughout a territory that includes the Eastern Shore of Maryland, parts of Virginia, and the lower section of Delaware. He is a native of Wicomico County, Maryland, born on December 29, 1897, son of Calvin Durand and Madorah (Phillips) Morris. Reared on his father's farm he began his first experience with agriculture there and continued to farm until 1917. In the meanwhile he had completed his grammar and high school education in Salisbury. In 1917 he joined the Armed Forces of the United States for service during World War I, and went overseas with Company I, of the 115th Infantry Regiment, and saw front line action in St. Mihiel Salient, the Alsace-Lorraine Sector, and the Argonne Forest Offensive. After two years in France he was returned to the United States to receive his honorable discharge from the Army.

Once more in civilian life, Mr. Morris resumed his agricultural activities which he continued to 1930, when he was placed in charge of a Farm Bureau store. Three years later he opened his own farm equipment establishment in Salisbury located on Market Street in the city. In 1944 he built the present fine headquarters of his enterprise on Washington Street, a building one hundred and twenty by two hundred feet, containing some twenty-four thousand square feet of

floor space. Mr. Morris employs a number of people, carries Oliver farm equipment, the New Idea farm equipment, the Iron Age equipment, and represents a number of other large companies in this field of business. He likewise handles insecticides, and just about anything of value to the agriculturists and horticulturists, serving a wide range of territory in three states.

In personal activities Mr. Morris belongs to the American Legion, is a member of the Lions Club, and co-operates with numerous local organizations that work for the advancement of Salisbury and its broad surrounding areas. He attends the Presbyterian Church of Salisbury.

On October 25, 1932, at Salisbury, Maryland, Linwood Morris married Evelin Layfield, daughter of Raymond and Ruth (Godfrey) Layfield. Mr. and Mrs. Morris are the parents of one child, Jean Earl, born February 22, 1936, at Salisbury.

**THOMAS HUDSON VICKERS**—A retired farmer who for many years has made his home in Cambridge, Thomas Hudson Vickers has had a full life and is today among the most respected citizens of Cambridge.

He was born on December 9, 1864, at Church Creek, the son of Thomas Thoroughgood and Rowena (Richardson) Vickers, his father being a boatbuilder. After attending the local schools, Mr. Vickers started at the very early age of fifteen or sixteen to build boats with his father at Church Creek. In those days Church Creek was a busy little village, and its shipyard was an especially busy place, where many boats were built and launched. Thomas Hudson Vickers decided, however, to come to Cambridge and work in Joe Henry Johnson's shipyard, for which he was paid eighty-seven and a half cents a day. Out of that he paid his board in Cambridge, and once a week he walked to and from Church Creek, seven miles each way. One of his recreations in those days was the building of purple martin houses, and he also did a great deal of cabinet work. When the work at Church Creek or Cambridge grew slack, he would go oystering in his own boat, which he had built. Oysters were then selling for from ten to twenty cents a bushel, and three dollars a week was considered a fair income for a boat.

During this period Mr. Vickers married Mettie Martin, a young school teacher whose parents lived in Church Creek. They gave the newly married couple a piece of land from their farm, and with the money which he had saved while building boats at eighty-seven and a half cents a day and oystering at three dollars a week, Mr. Vickers built a home on this land. He tilled the farm, and they were most successful. But after a few years on this small farm, he wanted to expand his activities and his greatest desire was to own the famous Dorsey Farm, which had been owned for over two hundred years by the Dorsey family, who had received the first deed to this land, from William Grantham of England. The second deed was to Thomas Hudson Vickers. As he did not have sufficient money to pay the entire amount asked for the farm, he borrowed money from Senator Applegarth, but was so successful in his farming operations that he soon had the debt paid off.

When the United States became involved in World War I, Mr. Vickers' oldest son, Luke Rogers Vickers, became an aviator. A graduate of Johns Hopkins University in the class of 1916, he enlisted and trained



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at Princeton University for the aviation service, being commissioned first lieutenant. On September 6, 1918, Lieutenant Luke Rogers Vickers lost his life in the service of his country. Although the farm continued to prosper, Mr. Vickers soon came to the conclusion that a complete change would be the best thing for his wife, who was grieving constantly over her son's death, and he therefore decided to retire from farming and come to Cambridge to live. He then bought the house at 125 Locust Street which he now occupies, and interested himself in buying real estate. After a number of happy years in this house, Mettie (Martin) Vickers was taken ill and passed away in 1926. Mr. Vickers had always taken an intense interest in any and all kinds of business, so it was not surprising that he made a success of renting houses, as he had done with farming, and he soon had the reputation of being a most considerate landlord, and a successful one as well.

Thomas Hudson Vickers married (first) at Cambridge on February 12, 1889, Mettie Martin, the daughter of Daniel Rogers and Emma (Tubman) Martin of Church Creek. To this union were born three children: 1. Luke Rogers Vickers, born February 17, 1895, a graduate of Johns Hopkins University in the class of 1916 and first lieutenant in the United States Army Air Forces, killed September 6, 1918. 2. Mary Cecilia Vickers, born December 14, 1899, a graduate of St. Joseph's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and now Mrs. Cecilia (Vickers) Howard of Easton. 3. William Martin Vickers, born June 22, 1908, now of Annapolis. Mr. Vickers has four grandchildren: Mrs. William C. Hill of Easton, Joseph, Luke, and Francis Howard of Easton. He has three great-grandchildren: David Hill, Pamela and Marian Cecilia Hill of Easton. Mettie (Martin) Vickers died on February 14, 1926. Thomas Hudson Vickers married (second) on April 25, 1932, Mrs. Katharine (Stitchberry) Dean, formerly of Easton. She is the daughter of Philemon James and Regina Frances (Anderson) Stitchberry.

Mr. Vickers and his family have long been identified with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

**WILBUR MILTON ROUNDS**—A well-known business executive of Salisbury, Wilbur Milton Rounds has contributed much toward the commercial development of this city. His unflinching energy and hardy business sense have earned for him a sturdy reputation among a host of close personal friends and business associates.

Mr. Rounds was born May 18, 1899, at Salisbury, Maryland, son of George Edward and Annie May (Hearn) Rounds. His father was widely recognized for his activities in the wholesale fruit industry. He passed away in 1939. His mother died in 1943.

Wilbur Rounds attended the Wicomico County public schools. After being graduated from high school he studied at the Beacom Business College.

Upon completion of his formal training, Mr. Rounds became associated with the Eastern Shore Public Service Company, where he remained for a year and a half, gaining much valuable information and experience. In 1919 he joined his father in the operation of the wholesale fruit enterprise and continued to work with him for twenty years. Throughout this period the business experienced a remarkable development. In 1939, after the death of his father, Mr. Rounds took over the ownership of the business. Under his leadership the fruit concern has become one of the leading commercial ventures of its type in the section, due largely to the forceful leadership and able management of its owner.

Mr. Rounds is active in the life of his community as a member of the Board of Education. He is a former president of the Salisbury Rotary Club, and, fraternally, is affiliated with Wicomico Lodge Number 91 of the Free and Accepted Masons. In religious belief he is a Methodist.

Wilbur Milton Rounds married Elizabeth Louise Adkins, daughter of John Edward and Mane (Hudson) Adkins. Her father was an engineer on the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railroad. They became the parents of one child, Marianna, who was born May 6, 1929, and is a student at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia.

**JOHN WESLEY DOWNING** of Salisbury, has found diversified outlets for his executive abilities. Public utilities, banking, radio broadcasting and real estate have claimed his energies, and he has held, as well, a post in civic service.

Born March 30, 1890 in Delmar, Delaware, he was the son of William J. and Annie Elizabeth (Melson) Downing. His father was engaged in the lumber business in Virginia and North Carolina, and was a lifelong Democrat. Annie Elizabeth Downing outlived him, and is alive at the time of writing, a witness to the continued success of her son.

Educated in the public schools and high school of Salisbury, John Wesley Downing took his first position with the Salisbury Heat and Power Company, which is now the Eastern Shore Public Service Company. Of this concern he was district manager until 1920, when he bought the Citizens Gas Company, operating it until 1927. It was during this period that he served as a member of the city council and also served one term as treasurer, then becoming president and general manager of the Del-Mar-Va Mortgage Company. Subsequently he assumed presidency of the Salisbury branch of the County Trust Company of Maryland. For two terms, covering the period from 1939 to 1947, Mr. Downing was bank commissioner of Maryland. Since 1940, he has been president of the Peninsular Broadcasting Company, and has been active as well in the real estate business.

Mr. Downing is a Democrat. He is a member of the Rotary Club, and attends the Asbury Methodist Church of Salisbury.

John Wesley Downing married, on April 15, 1915, in Salisbury, Miss Annie Todd, who was the daughter of Edward N. Todd, for many years a representative of Fleischmann's Yeast with offices in Salisbury, and of Annie (Vincent) Todd, of Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Downing are the parents of three children: 1. John W., Jr., who married Helen D. Allen of East Orange, New Jersey. 2. Elizabeth Ann, who married Robert D. Faw, Jr., and has two children, Robert D., Jr., and Donna Ann. 3. Jean Stanford.

**ERNEST COLLINS CLARK**—Among the younger lawyers of Salisbury, Ernest Collins Clark is establishing himself in the professional life of this community. His outstanding work in the legal profession has earned for him an excellent reputation among many close friends and associates.

Mr. Clark was born March 27, 1911, son of David J. and Lida (Collins) Clark. His father is a successful Salisbury merchant.

Ernest Clark attended the local public schools of his home town and was graduated from Salisbury High School. He then spent two years at Washington and Lee University and two additional years at the



University of Maryland. He remained at the Maryland school, attending its law school and gaining his law degree there.

In 1936 Mr. Clark was admitted to the bar and became associated with the law firm of Miles, Bailey and Williams. After five years of successful operation during which time he gained much valuable experience and knowledge of the practical aspects of the law profession, Mr. Clark, in 1941, became junior partner in the firm, which changed its name under a reorganization plan to Miles, Bailey and Clark. Shortly thereafter Mr. Miles withdrew from the partnership, and, in 1943, Mr. Bailey became judge of the First Judicial Circuit. Throughout these changes Mr. Clark remained in active practice, and after Mr. Bailey's departure, joined forces with Charles E. Hearne, Jr., but allowed the firm name to remain unchanged. In 1948, however, it was changed to Clark and Hearne, with Mr. Clark the senior partner. Throughout these years the partnership has continued to flourish due in large measure to the skillful handling of affairs by Mr. Clark.

In addition to his professional interests, he is active in the community as a member of the Rotary Club. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Lambda Chi Alpha. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and in religious belief he adheres to the Episcopal faith, attending the local Episcopal church at Salisbury.

On May 1, 1937, at Fairfax, Virginia, Ernest Collins Clark married Ruth Harrison, daughter of George R. Harrison, Sr., and Lillian (Miller) Harrison. Her father is an officer in the United States Army. Mr. and Mrs. Clark became the parents of the following children: 1. David H., who was born in June, 1938. 2. Ray Miller, born November 10, 1941. 3. Richard C., who was born May 5, 1944.

**LAIRD EUGENE TODD** is actively associated in the wholesale tobacco business established in 1907 in Salisbury by his father, the late Henry Stevenson Todd, Sr., which he and his brothers, Henry Stevenson Todd, Jr., and S. Houston Todd, are carrying on today. This firm, which has a high reputation among tobacco dealers, does business throughout the territory from Smyrna, Delaware, to Cape Charles, Virginia.

Laird Eugene Todd was born at Salisbury on July 14, 1897, the son of Henry Stevenson and Agnes (Phelps) Todd. The Todd family has long been resident on the Eastern Shore, tracing their ancestry back to the seventeenth century when Michael Todd, believed to be the son of Christopher Todd of New Haven, Connecticut, was engaged in the shoemaking trade in Maryland, forming a partnership with John Gooty. He married Margaret Insley some time between 1692 and 1698; she was the daughter of Andrew and Mary (Jones) Insley. Michael Todd died in 1730 when he was "aged and infirm." Laird Eugene is a direct descendant, being the son of Henry Stevenson, Sr., who was the son of Henry Laird Todd, who was the son of George Todd, second son of Jonathan Todd, second son of James Todd, second son of Michael and Margaret (Insley) Todd.

Laird Eugene Todd attended the Salisbury elementary schools and Salisbury High School, after which he took a commercial course at the Peirce Business School in Philadelphia. After completing his course he went to work for his father, who was a wholesale tobacco dealer and had been active in this line since 1907. Laird Eugene Todd's first association with the

family business was in 1915. He interrupted his business career to serve in the Signal Corps of the United States Army during World War I but did not go overseas. Upon the death of his father he and his brothers, Henry Stevenson Todd, Jr., (q.v.) and S. Houston Todd (q.v.), took over the business and have carried it on along the same principles that have made it since its founding one of the successful concerns in this field.

Laird Eugene Todd is, like his late father, a staunch Democrat in his political beliefs, but has not sought public office. He is a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

He married at Lewes, Delaware, on June 29, 1932, Emily Hunter Orr, the daughter of Dr. William P. and Claudia (Bender) Orr, the former now deceased, the latter still living. Dr. Orr was a physician at Lewes, Delaware. Mr. and Mrs. Laird Eugene Todd have two children: Emily Hunter Todd, born March 30, 1935, and Laird Eugene Todd, born June 14, 1939.

**JOHN ELLIS MORRIS**—As a plumbing and heating specialist, John Ellis Morris has served the United States Navy in peace and war, the Federal Government and the Eastern Shore. For many years the operator of the firm of Morris and Morris Plumbing and Heating Company of Salisbury, he is now the owner of Shore Distributors, also a Salisbury concern, which distributes plumbing and heating supplies. He is a political leader of Wicomico County and has served on the City Council of Salisbury, for six years, during two of which he filled the office of president. He is active in civic and veterans' affairs.

Mr. Morris was born in Baltimore on October 2, 1894, the son of Eugene McCale and Margaret (Maloney) Morris. Eugene M. Morris was for many years in the plumbing and heating business in his native city of Baltimore. His wife, mother of John E. Morris, was born in County Wexford, Ireland, and came to the United States as a young girl.

John Ellis Morris was educated in Catholic parochial schools and at Loyola High School in Baltimore. While attending school and during his vacations he learned the plumbing and heating trade as apprentice to his father. When he completed his education, he joined the United States Navy, in which he served from 1914-1916, and again from 1917 to 1919, the latter as a non-commissioned officer. The second period included nineteen months that the United States was active in World War I. During his service with the Navy Mr. Morris was chief special mechanic in plumbing and heating. After he left the Navy he was for five years a civil service employee in charge of plumbing and heating and sheet metal work at the Naval Proving Grounds at Dahlgren, Virginia.

In 1932 Mr. Morris moved to Salisbury and organized the plumbing and heating firm of Morris and Morris, through which he obtained some of the largest public and private contracts on the Eastern Shore. After operating the business for twenty-three years, he sold it to the Jenkins brothers of Salisbury, both of whom had once been in his employ. In 1945 Mr. Morris launched Shore Distributors at Salisbury, and has since devoted his efforts to developing this plumbing and heating wholesale supply business.

Mr. Morris was also one of the founders of the Lamar Corporation, real estate developers and builders over the entire Eastern Shore. He later sold this interest. He now operates The Goslee Roofing



*John E. Morris*





and Sheet Metal Company at Salisbury, Maryland, and employs twenty-five helpers in his various companies.

From his earliest days in Salisbury Mr. Morris has been active in Democratic politics in Wicomico County and in public affairs. He is now chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee of the county. He is a member of the Salisbury Lodge, Number 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Salisbury Post, American Legion; the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club of Salisbury. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Francis de Sales at Salisbury.

Mr. Morris married Louise Messick in Baltimore on September 20, 1921. She was the daughter of John Messick, general merchandiser at Nanticoke, Maryland, and Lida (Toadvine) Messick. To this marriage was born John Messick Morris on June 22, 1923 at Dahlgren, Virginia. He is now associated with his father on Shore Distributors. The first Mrs. Morris died on June 23, 1923.

On February 11, 1929, Mr. Morris married Margaret Harrison, born at Baltimore, Maryland, daughter of George R. and Estelle Harrison, the ceremony taking place in Salisbury. Two children have been born to this second marriage: Frank Harrison Morris, on July 23, 1931, and Eugene George Morris, on July 13, 1936. Frank attends St. Joseph's School, Baltimore, Maryland.

**JEREMIAH VALLIANT**, secretary and general manager of the firm of Quillin-Valliant, Incorporated, distributors of International trucks and Packard automobiles in Salisbury, was born January 8, 1909 in Oxford, the son of Jeremiah and Susan (Benson) Valliant. His father, who died when Mr. Valliant was a boy of ten, was an oyster packer and the proprietor of a general store; he owned two farms and was president of the Bank of Oxford, and otherwise active in local affairs. He was affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and held the Thirty-second degree in the Masonic order.

Jeremiah Valliant, the younger, attended the elementary school in Oxford and Oxford High School, after which he took a commercial course in Strayer's Business College in Baltimore. After leaving school he became associated with the automobile business, and has spent his entire business career in this field. During World War II Mr. Valliant served with the Coast Guard Reserves 1202, submarine patrol, district director Coast Guard Auxiliary, and was commanding officer of Little Creek operating base, and task unit commander of Air Sea Rescue in the Norfolk, Virginia, district, serving with the rank of senior lieutenant. He saw four years of war service. After returning to civilian life, Mr. Valliant again became connected with the automobile business. In 1946 the firm of Quillin-Valliant, Incorporated bought out the interest of Donald Baysinger, who had started an automobile agency in 1933, and this firm now has the agency for International trucks and for Packard automobiles. Mr. Benjamin P. Quillin is president, and Clinton Quillin vice president of Quillin-Valliant; Miss R. N. Miller is treasurer, and Jeremiah Valliant, secretary and general manager. Mr. Valliant has a great deal of the responsibility in the daily operation of the business since Benjamin P. and Clinton Quillin are both active members of the Salisbury Milling Company. The firm has a fine building on Salisbury Boulevard, with a floor space of thirty-six thousand square

feet, and they employ twenty-eight men. Their agency covers half of Sussex County, in Delaware, and half of Wicomico County, as well as parts of Worcester and Somerset counties, and they are free to sell Packard automobiles anywhere that is outside the zones assigned to other dealers. They are the largest dealers in International trucks in the Baltimore district.

Mr. Valliant holds membership in the Tred Avon Yacht Club of Oxford, the Maryland Yacht Club of Baltimore, the Towne Club of Salisbury, the United States Power Squadrons, the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, the Maryland Truck Association and the Automobile Trade Association, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Brotherhood of St. Andrews, the American Legion, the Penguin Association, and the Parent Teacher Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with Salisbury Lodge, Number 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is an Episcopalian.

On June 8, 1935, at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, Jeremiah Valliant married Mary Louise Remont, the daughter of Louis and Anna (Deans) Remont, her father being associated with the Sun Oil Company in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Valliant are the parents of two children: Carlie, born June 16, 1938; and Jan Remont, born April 15, 1942.

**WILLIAM EDWARD MORGAN**—Formerly in the plumbing and heating business at Salisbury, William Edward Morgan is now vice president and treasurer of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, Inc., of Salisbury, and president of the Ray-Mor Baking Company, one of the largest firms in its field on the Eastern Shore. He is known not only throughout Maryland but over the wide area from Smyrna, Delaware, to Cape Charles, Virginia, in which his bottling company operates.

Mr. Morgan was born at Newport News, Virginia, on September 14, 1902, the son of Lewis and Annie (Edwards) Morgan. His father was the founder of the plumbing and heating firm of Lewis Morgan and Son at Salisbury.

William E. Morgan was educated in the elementary and high schools of Salisbury and at Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, where he took a two-year course and was graduated in 1923. On completing his education Mr. Morgan became associated with his father in the firm of Lewis Morgan and Son. He was a partner and general manager of this concern until it was sold in 1944.

In 1916 Lewis Morgan supplied the capital to a young man for the formation and operation of what was then called the Peninsula Bottling Company. In time the name of this firm was changed to the Whistle Bottling Company. When in 1944 the plumbing and heating business was sold, William E. Morgan became associated with Marshall Mitchell in the management of this bottling company, the name of which was again changed to the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, Inc. Of this firm Mr. Morgan is vice president and treasurer; Marshall Mitchell, president, and Kitty Morgan, Mr. Morgan's sister, is secretary. To serve the extensive Smyrna-Cape Charles area, the firm bottles about one-half million cases of Pepsi-Cola annually. The presidency of the Ray-Mor Baking Company of Salisbury also occupies much of Mr. Morgan's time.

In addition, he is a member of the Rotary Club of Salisbury, the Salisbury Lodge, Number 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the order

of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Salisbury. His church is the Presbyterian and he is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Morgan was married in Salisbury on November 25, 1929, to Cleo Frances Finch, daughter of Oscar Finch, a druggist of Haynesville, Louisiana. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have two children: Patricia Ann, born May 20, 1932, and William Edward, Jr., born June 10, 1938.

**WALTER SCOTT SHEPPARD**, president of W. E. Sheppard & Company, Incorporated, wholesale grocers of Salisbury, has been in the wholesale grocery business all his life, and his firm covers the Eastern Shore of Maryland and some parts of Delaware, serving customers from Cape Charles, Virginia, to Bridgeville, Delaware, and from Lewes, Delaware to Preston, Maryland. Mr. Sheppard was a charter member of the Salisbury Rotary Club, and he is one of the moving spirits of the Bethesda Methodist Church, and is always interested in anything that makes for the welfare of the community.

He was born September 12, 1881 at Pittsville, the son of William Edward and Ella (Smith) Sheppard. The Sheppards are a very old family. The earliest known record of the Sheppard family in the United States is of one John B. Sheppard, born in England in 1599, who settled at Braintree, Massachusetts in 1635. His brother Edward settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1643. They were farmers, merchants and preachers in the Massachusetts colony. Mr. Sheppard's father was a native of Pittsville, but moved to Salisbury and went into the wholesale grocery business with H. S. Todd, under the firm name of H. S. Todd & Company and was associated with this business until 1906 when he started the wholesale grocery firm of W. E. Sheppard & Company.

Walter Scott Sheppard attended the public schools of Salisbury, graduating from Salisbury High School, after which he studied at Washington College. Upon leaving college he became associated with the firm of H. S. Todd & Company of which his father was a member. In 1906 H. S. Todd withdrew from the firm to go into business for himself as a wholesale tobacco dealer, and the firm name was changed to W. E. Sheppard & Company, Incorporated, wholesale grocers. Mr. Sheppard's father, William Edward Sheppard, was president of the firm up to the time of his death in 1929, and in the twenty years since that date Walter Scott Sheppard has been president. The other officers are his brother, W. A. Sheppard, vice president, and G. Virgil Adkins, secretary and treasurer. The firm handles all kinds of groceries and supplies retail concerns over a wide area, including the entire Eastern Shore of Maryland and part of Delaware as well. Mr. Sheppard is a Democrat in his political affiliation. He is an active member of the Bethesda Methodist Church where he serves on the official board and teaches the men's Bible Class. He is a past member of the Salisbury Rotary Club, of which he was a charter member.

He married at Salisbury on October 14, 1909, Pauline Collier, the daughter of Levin D. and Louisa (Brattan) Collier. Her father was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, practiced medicine in Salisbury for a number of years, and later operated a drugstore.

**WALTER AUGUSTUS SPEARIN** first came to Salisbury in 1932, and since that time has been en-

gaged in poultry raising, with his wife as his partner. He owns and operates the Spearin Hatchery, which produces two million baby chicks each year, ninety per cent of which are sold on the Eastern Shore. Mr. Spearin is president of the Maryland Poultry Council, and a director of the Northeastern Poultry Producers, and of the Del-Mar-Va Broiler Association. He has a reputation for being one of the most progressive poultry raisers of the Eastern Shore.

He was born June 29, 1907 in Brooklyn, New York, the son of Thomas A. and Mabel C. (Shay) Spearin, his father being associated with the International Textbook Company.

Walter Augustus Spearin attended the elementary schools of Ridgewood, New Jersey, and Ridgewood High School. He then became a student in New York University, studying business administration, and majoring in real estate and real estate law. Upon graduation in 1930 he spent four years in the real estate business in Ridgewood, New Jersey. He then came to Salisbury and in 1932 purchased a fifty-acre farm and started to raise white leghorn chickens for egg production. In 1936 Mr. and Mrs. Spearin opened the Spearin Hatchery, which he has operated ever since. His output for a single year is two million baby chicks, of which he sells ninety per cent on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, although he does ship to other parts of the country. His strain is the Barred Cross and New Hampshire. Mr. Spearin is well thought of in and around Salisbury, and has a high reputation in poultry raising circles. He has always taken a keen interest in the group associations of the poultry raisers, and is ever ready to lend his support to improving conditions in the business. He holds office in three of these associations, being a director of the Northeastern Poultry Producers, a director of the Del-Mar-Va Broiler Association and president of the Maryland Poultry Council. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Salisbury and the Del-Mar-Va Kennel Club, and he and his wife attend the Methodist Church. His hobby is the raising of Boxer dogs for showing purposes.

He married on June 21, 1931, at Glen Rock, New Jersey, May Beal, the daughter of Arthur W. and Mary (Stokes) Beal, her father being in the insurance business in New Jersey. Mrs. Spearin has always worked with her husband in the business of poultry raising, and he considers her a partner and attributes much of his success to her help.

**SAMUEL HOUSTON TODD** is associated with his two brothers, Henry Stevenson Todd, Jr., and Laird E. Todd, in carrying on the wholesale tobacco business which was started by their father in 1907. The company has a high reputation throughout the territory extending from Cape Charles, Virginia, to Smyrna, Delaware.

Samuel Houston Todd was born in Salisbury, September 30, 1898, the son of Henry Stevenson and Agnes (Phelps) Todd. The Todds have long been residents on the Eastern Shore. Except for one branch, the various Todds in the United States originated in Scotland and the name "Todd" or "Tod" is an altered form of the Scotch word for "fox." The first Todd on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, from whom the Eastern Shore Todds are all descended, was one Michael Todd, presumably the son of Christopher Todd of New Haven, Connecticut. A shoemaker by trade, he was in partnership with John Gooty. He was married, some time between 1692 and 1698, to Margaret Insley, the daughter of Andrew and Mary







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(Jones) Insley. He died in 1730 when "aged and infirm." Michael and Margaret (Insley) Todd were the parents of the following children, named in the will of Michael Todd: Michael, James, Elizabeth, Dean, Dorothy Cole, and Ruth.

Samuel Houston Todd is a direct descendant, being the son of Henry Stevenson Todd, Sr., who was the son of Henry Laird Todd, who was the son of George Todd, second son of Jonathan Todd, second son of James Todd, second son of Michael and Margaret (Insley) Todd. The complete line is given in connection with the life of Todd's oldest brother, Henry Stevenson Todd, Jr., (q.v.).

Samuel Houston Todd attended the Salisbury elementary schools, and Salisbury High School, and also studied at Mercersburg Academy. After finishing school he went to work for his father in the family business which had been started in 1907 and with which his two brothers, Henry Stevenson Todd, Jr., and Laird E. Todd were already associated. After the death of the elder Mr. Todd, the business was continued by the Todd brothers, and it is one of the most highly thought of concerns in the wholesale tobacco field in the entire area. During World War I Samuel Houston Todd volunteered for service, although he was very young; he went to the Tacoma Electrical School in Washington, D. C. and was there for six months, but did not get into active service. Fraternally, Mr. Todd is affiliated with Salisbury Lodge, Number 91, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and he is a member of the Salisbury Rotary Club. He belongs to the Wicomico Presbyterian Church.

Samuel Houston Todd married in Baltimore, on September 30, 1921, Maude C. Latta, daughter of James Douglas Latta. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Houston Todd have one daughter, Elizabeth Phelps Todd. She married Thomas C. Helfrich of Catonsville and they have two children: Linda Todd and Dorothy Diane Todd Helfrich.

**FREDERICK HENRY BATTLE**—One of Salisbury's business leaders, Frederick Henry Battle is general manager of the Marvadel Ice Cream Company, whose plant is located in that city. Mr. Battle has entered fully into Salisbury's activities, and has been an official in several of its organizations, civic, charitable and fraternal.

He was born in Atlanta, Georgia, May 1, 1899, son of Frederick and Amanda Lee (Arrington) Battle. The family subsequently moved from Atlanta, and Frederick Battle began his education at Durham, North Carolina, where he attended the public and high schools. He then enrolled at Trinity College, and later at Durham Business College. He was at the point of entering active service in World War I, but hostilities ceased before he was called.

His first employment was with the Planters National Bank of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and in this connection he remained for three years. He then went with the city of Rocky Mount as a bookkeeper, then entered the employ of George S. Edward, wholesale grocer in that community. With this valuable and diversified experience behind him, he now entered the field in which he has since been engaged. In 1926 he became associated with the Southern Dairies, Incorporated, of Washington, D. C., his first employment being with their ice cream department in Danville, Virginia. His aptitudes in this business were such that he was later sent to Salisbury, to manage their plant there. In 1940, at the time National Dairies

formed the Marvadel Ice Cream Company for the purpose of distributing Breyer's and Southern Dairies ice cream throughout the entire Eastern Shore area of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia, Mr. Battle had gained fifteen years' experience with the company, and was well prepared to accept the responsibility of the new subsidiary's general managership. The complete and modern plant of this organization is located on Snow Hill Road in Salisbury, and Mr. Battle has remained its general manager since 1926.

Belonging to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Battle is a loyal and active member of Wicomico Lodge No. 91. He also belongs to the Lions Club, of which he is a past president. While not an Elk, he belongs to the Elks Golf Club, the recreational facilities of which he fully enjoys. Mr. Battle was one of the original members of a small group of men who felt the need of a country club in Salisbury. After several months of organization and promotion the Greenhill Yacht and Country Club was established on the Wicomico River, eight miles southwest of Salisbury, and Mr. Battle was elected the first secretary and treasurer. A civic-minded man, he is past president and a director of the community chest, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Wicomico Children's Home and president of the State Teachers College Parent Teacher Association. He has been a member of the Wicomico County Welfare Board. During World War II, he was chairman of the gasoline panel of the local ration board, and chairman of the European Relief Clothing Drive for Wicomico County. The Battle family are of Southern Methodist denomination.

Frederick Henry Battle married at Sharpstown, on December 10, 1928, Louise Phillips, daughter of J. Edwin and Gertrude (Bennett) Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Battle have one son, Frederick Wanner, born November 6, 1939 at Salisbury, Maryland.

**A. WELLINGTON TAWES**—Extensively engaged in business and farming, A. Wellington Tawes is president of the Bank of Crisfield, and operates a farm in a nearby area of Somerset County.

Mr. Tawes was born May 18, 1889, in Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland, son of James B. and Alice Virginia (Byrd) Tawes, both natives of Crisfield. His father was born in October, 1864, and died February 6, 1939, after a long career of service to this community. He was widely known here as a merchant and lumber manufacturer, and also owned a bakery and cannery in Crisfield, as well as an ice and cold storage plant which his son, A. Wellington Tawes, later conducted. He was a Democrat and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Asbury Methodist Church. His wife, Alice Virginia (Byrd) Tawes, mother of A. Wellington Tawes, was born in Crisfield on March 13, 1869.

A. Wellington Tawes attended Crisfield public school and was graduated from high school here in 1905. He attended Strayer-Bryant and Stratton Business College in Baltimore, and Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Interesting himself in his father's business enterprises, he then organized his own ice and cold storage plant in Crisfield in 1911, and continued to operate it for many years until 1944. In the early 1930s he became interested in banking, becoming president of the Bank of Crisfield in 1935 and so continuing down to the time of writing. He is also a director of the bank. His 150-acre farm is under



the operation of his son, A. W. Tawes, Jr. Here the Tawes family cultivates large quantities of strawberries.

In addition to his other business undertakings, A. Wellington Tawes is a director of Charles D. Briddell, Inc. and is also a director of McCready Memorial Hospital. In politics he is a staunch Democrat. He is treasurer of the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Crisfield Country Club, and a past president of the local Rotary Club which he headed in 1927. In the Free and Accepted Masons he has affiliations with both York and Scottish Rite bodies, holding the Thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and being affiliated with the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to Immanuel Methodist Church of which he is treasurer and a trustee.

A. Wellington Tawes married October 7, 1914, in Crisfield, Maryland, Minnie Daugherty, a native of Crisfield, daughter of William E. and Grace (Sterling) Daugherty, both born here, the father in 1865, and the mother in 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Tawes became the parents of the following children: 1. Virginia, born in Crisfield, who became the wife of I. T. Todd, Jr., of Crisfield. 2. Mary Kathryn, also born in Crisfield. 3. Arthur W., Jr., born in Crisfield, was graduated from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and served during World War II as a sergeant in the 310th Infantry Regiment, 78th Division.

**HERMAN LLOYD PURNELL, SR.**—Although beginning as a barber, Herman L. Purnell, Sr., being a man of perception and inventive turn of mind, saw greater possibilities in the business of furnishing supplies to this trade. He has been engaged in barber and beauty shop supply since 1914, and has shipped his wares to every state in the Union, including products of his own manufacture, and now operates together with his son the Eastern Beauty Supply Company at Salisbury.

Born at Snow Hill, February 19, 1890, Mr. Purnell was the son of George W. and Hetty Jane Purnell, both now deceased. His father, a farmer in early life, later became associated with the Charles Warner Company in Wilmington, Delaware. Herman Purnell attended the public and high schools of Worcester County, and after leaving school learned the barber trade, which he followed from 1906 until 1914, being at various times employed in Salisbury, Philadelphia, Ocean City and other places. In 1914 he opened a barber supply business in Salisbury, making many of the supplies he sold. From the first his skill in the making of these products gained customers for him in every part of the United States. In 1932 he sold this business, and started a beauty equipment and supply firm for the manufacture and distribution of items in this line. Selling in large lots throughout the Eastern Shore, he also ships to a number of other states, particularly Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware and Pennsylvania. This prosperous business venture is owned by Mr. Purnell in partnership with his son, J. Robert Purnell, and they operate under the firm name of the Eastern Beauty Supply Company.

Mr. Purnell is a prominent Mason, belonging to all branches of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and holding the Thirty-second degree. His church is the Bethesda Methodist.

Herman Lloyd Purnell, Sr., married Dolly Truitt, at Snow Hill on August 10, 1909. Her father, James

R. Truitt, was a lumber inspector with the E. S. Adkins Company, and married Florence Morris. Mr. and Mrs. Purnell are the parents of two sons: 1. Herman Lloyd, Jr., who married Jane Insley of Salisbury and is in turn the father of a son, Herman Lloyd, III, and a daughter, Jane. 2. James Robert, who served during World War II in the United States Army Air Corps as a technical engineer with the rank of sergeant. He was stationed in Germany for one and a half years. On return to civilian life, he entered business with his father, and continues with the Eastern Beauty Supply Company to the present. He is married to Joann Lewis of Salisbury.

**MILTON LANKFORD POPE**, with his father William P. Pope, operates Salisbury's oldest automobile agency, handling Studebaker cars and trucks. He and his father also operate the oldest farm equipment agency in Salisbury.

Milton Lankford Pope was born in Snow Hill, on August 26, 1896, the son of William P. and Laura (Kelley) Pope. William P. Pope is a native of Worcester County. In 1900 he started in the farming and lumber business in Snow Hill, and in 1917 this business was moved to Wicomico County. There Mr. Pope also became interested in the automobile business and after a few years was handling not only Studebaker cars but tractors and farm machinery. He is still connected with the business, although not actively engaged in it, and is now in his late seventies. He and his wife, who is still living, have three children: Milton Lankford Pope and two daughters, Mildred M., who married Dr. Lester O. Adkins and lives in Milford, Delaware, and Anna Doris, who married T. Howard Carey of Salisbury.

Milton Lankford Pope attended the elementary school and high school of Snow Hill in Worcester County. After leaving school in 1914, he became associated with his father in the lumber business in Worcester County, and that same year he moved from Snow Hill to Salisbury, although still associated with his father. Three years later, in 1917, both the lumber business and the farming interests of the elder Mr. Pope were transferred to Wicomico County. During World War I, Milton Lankford Pope entered the service of the United States Army and served with the 33rd Machine Gun Battalion of the 11th Division, being discharged in January, 1919. In the meantime his father had carried on the business. On February 14, 1921, Mr. Pope and his father purchased the automobile and taxi business of James E. Lowe, which had been established in 1886, and after running this business for a short time they acquired the agency for the Studebaker automobiles for Salisbury and the surrounding countryside. They have continued to operate as Studebaker distributors up to the present time, which makes them the oldest automobile agency in Salisbury. In 1922 they became dealers for the International Harvester tractor and farm machinery, but later replaced this line with the Minneapolis Moline tractor and farm machinery line in 1945. They are thus the oldest dealers in farm equipment, as well as the oldest automobile agency in Salisbury.

Mr. Pope is a member of the Salisbury Rotary Club, the Wicomico Chamber of Commerce and the Wicomico Farm Bureau. He and his family attend the Bethesda Methodist Church where he is a member of the official board. He is an independent Republican.





*D.H. Messick*



He married at Baltimore on October 18, 1919, Mildred Gardner Warner, the daughter of Rev. Dr. Luther F. and Susan (Gardner) Warner. Mrs. Pope is active in church work, and currently is serving as secretary of the northeastern jurisdiction of the Woman's Society of Christian Service—an organization of the Methodist Church.

**WILLIAM FRANKLIN MESSICK** is president and treasurer of the W. F. Messick Ice Company Incorporated of Salisbury, and The Salisbury Ice Co., which manufacture one hundred and thirty-five tons of ice per day, and employ thirty-five men. Both companies sell to the entire Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia. Mr. Messick is a Thirty-second degree Mason, and is prominent in Masonic bodies and other local organizations. He has served as a Salisbury city councilman, and at the present time is president of the board of commissioners of Wicomico County.

He was born on November 22, 1873, in Allen, Maryland, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Isabel Messick, both now deceased, the former having died in August, 1932, the latter in May, 1934. Both parents died in Allen, Maryland. Mr. Messick's father was a farmer and a carpenter.

After attending the country school in Allen, Maryland, Mr. Messick worked on his father's farm for six years, saving his money. He then opened his own general store in Allen, which he operated for the five-year period, 1899 to 1905. He sold out and went to Alabama in the employ of the Jackson Lumber Company, but remained there for only three months before he decided to return to the Eastern Shore. In 1905 he came to Salisbury, and after a three months period as assistant manager for the Salisbury Hardware Company, and six months in the service of Wicomico County, he went to work for the Crystal Ice Company and remained in the employ of this concern for fourteen years. The Crystal Ice Company was later merged with the Maryland Ice Company to form the Salisbury Ice Company. In 1920 he resigned from the Salisbury Ice Company, and on February 1, 1921 started his own plant under the name of The W. F. Messick Ice Company. He was successful and twenty-seven years later is still operating this plant. Mr. Messick holds the offices of president and treasurer of the business. His daughter, Anne (Messick) Desmond, is vice president and another daughter, Ruth (Messick) Hendrickson is secretary of the company. Mr. Messick is also president of the Salisbury Ice Company, in which he holds the controlling interest. A Democrat in his political affiliation, he finds time to take part in local politics, and has held office as city councilman, as well as county commissioner. He is now president of the board of commissioners of Wicomico County. Mr. Messick is a member of all of the various branches of the Free and Accepted Masons, being a Thirty-second degree Mason. He is a member of the Salisbury Rotary Club, and attends the Trinity Methodist Church.

He married at Salisbury, on April 26, 1899, Minnie E. White, now deceased; she was a daughter of Ephraim and Elizabeth White. Mr. and Mrs. Messick had two daughters. 1. Eleanor Anne, born November 15, 1906; she married Gerald Desmond, and they have one child, William Perry Desmond. 2. Ruth Estelle, born November 9, 1910; she married

George O. Hendrickson, Jr., and they have two children, Patricia Ann and Georgene Hendrickson. Both children were born in Salisbury, Maryland.

**HARLAND WATSON HUSTON** has been manager of the Salisbury office of the Continental American Life Insurance Company of Wilmington for over two decades. During that period he has entered enthusiastically into all phases of civic life, and the scope of the services he has rendered is equalled by few of his fellow citizens.

Born in Bethel, Delaware, on September 14, 1889, Mr. Huston was the son of a sea captain, Irving R. Huston, who sailed a three-masted schooner named "The Harland W. Huston." He married Louise C. Larrimore. Both parents are now deceased. Harland Huston received his secondary education at Seaford, Delaware, before matriculating at Washington College, where he took his degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1911.

Becoming associated shortly after graduation with the Continental American Life Insurance Company, which has its headquarters in Wilmington, Delaware, he began his career in the insurance business as their representative in Seaford, being in charge of their office in that city where he had grown up. In 1926 he was transferred to the company's Salisbury office, and has remained there until the present, bringing to a total of thirty-seven years the period of loyal service spent in the employ of this organization.

Mr. Huston's activities have not been confined, however, to those of a responsible business executive. Another commercial connection is that of vice president of the County Trust Company of Salisbury. But much of his considerable energy is spent in the support of programs of civic welfare. He is past president of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, director of the Peninsula General Hospital, and past president and director of the Wicomico Free Library. From 1936 to 1940, he was president of the Wicomico Children's Home, and from 1937 to 1940 president of the Wicomico County Board of Public Welfare. In 1936 he was appointed by Governor Nice of Maryland a member of the Casey Committee; and was appointed a member of the Committee on Juvenile Delinquency by Governor O'Connor in 1941. During 1936 and 1937, he was chairman of the Wicomico County American Red Cross.

In addition to his insurance and banking affiliations, he is a director of the Wicomico Hotel of Salisbury, and is a member of the Rotary Club of that city. He is a member and past president of the Managers and General Agents Association, of the Continental American Life Insurance Company. In the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Huston is a Shriner, and a Thirty-second degree Mason. In political belief he is an independent Democrat. He and his family worship at the Asbury Methodist Church in Salisbury.

Harland Watson Huston was married June 25, 1921, at New Haven, Connecticut, to Margaret E. Sturgeon, daughter of Robert H. and Margaret (Ganley) Sturgeon. They are the parents of a son, Harland W., Jr., who was born August 16, 1924. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and is now a student at Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and a member of the Harvard Club. During World War II, he served in the United States Navy, holding the rank of ensign, and spent four years in training and one year on a transport in the

Pacific. Married to Helen Hoague, of Boston, Massachusetts, he is the father of one daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, who was born November 25, 1947.

**HAROLD LORENZO LOREMAN, SR.**, is distributor for the Gulf Oil Company in Crisfield and Salisbury, conducting two bulk plants, and covering territory from Bridgeville, Delaware, to New Church, Virginia. Mr. Loreman takes an active interest in local affairs, and is very prominent in fraternal circles, being a Thirty-second degree Mason and past exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he has held life membership since 1931, as well as belonging to other fraternal bodies on the Eastern Shore.

He was born December 2, 1879, at Crisfield, the son of James F. and Elistine Eliza Loreman, his father being a blacksmith and wheelwright in Crisfield.

Harold Lorenzo Loreman, Sr., received his education in the Crisfield elementary and high school, and in Bryant and Stratton Business College in Baltimore, from which he graduated in the class of 1899. His first business experience was in the capacity of bookkeeper for the Tangier Packing Company of Crisfield, a position he held for three years. Then, in 1902, he became a partner with Joseph W. Disharoon in the wholesale grocery business, the firm operating under the name of Disharoon & Loreman. In 1912 he also became distributor for the Gulf Oil Company in Crisfield. In 1916 Mr. Loreman bought the interest of his partner in the wholesale grocery business and took his brother into the business with him, changing the name of the firm to H. L. Loreman & Brother. Six years later he sold his interest in the wholesale grocery business, which was incorporated, and continued under the same name. Thereafter, Mr. Loreman devoted his entire time to the oil business, and in 1930, he took over the bulk plant of the Gulf Oil Company in Salisbury. He operates two plants, the one in Crisfield and the other in Salisbury, which covers a large area, from Bridgeville to New Church.

In politics, Mr. Loreman is a Democrat, and in 1908, he served as president of the board of city commissioners in Crisfield. He is a member of the Crisfield Methodist Church. Fraternally, Mr. Loreman has many affiliations. He is past master of Blue Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a Thirty-second degree Mason affiliated with all branches of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a life member of the Shrine Club. In 1905 he joined the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, becoming a member of Lodge Number 817 in Salisbury, and later he was instrumental in organizing Lodge Number 1044 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Crisfield, of which he is a life member and past exalted ruler. He is a member of the Crisfield Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, a member of the Woodmen of the World and also of the Order of United American Mechanics.

Harold Lorenzo Loreman, Sr., married at Crisfield on March 13, 1900, Edna Earl Tawes, the daughter of John P. and Susan Mary (White) Tawes, her father being in the grocery business in Crisfield under the name of J. P. Tawes & Brother. Mr. and Mrs. Loreman have three children: 1. Elistine Eliza, who married Commander Philip W. Warren and they have one son, Barton Warren. Commander Philip W. and Elistine Eliza (Loreman) Warren live in California. 2. Martha Jane, who married Stanley G. Robins, a lawyer in Salisbury; they have three children: John B., III, Ann G., and Lynn Jane. 3. Harold L., Jr., (q. v.), who is in the manufacturing business.

**HARRY OLIPHANT**, head of the Chevrolet sales and service agency in Salisbury, has been in the automobile business for thirty years. In his showrooms and repair shop on the Salisbury Boulevard he handles both Chevrolet automobiles and Chevrolet trucks, in addition to all kinds of repair work, and employs twenty-four men in all. Mr. Oliphant has handled Chevrolets in Salisbury since 1934.

He was born on June 20, 1889, the son of Edgar and Mary (Gordy) Oliphant, his father being a farmer at Laurel, Delaware. After attending the public schools of Laurel, Harry Oliphant studied in the Kenney Telegraph School at Laurel, graduating in 1907, and spent the years of 1908 and 1909 at the Palmer Business School in Philadelphia. His first position was as a telegrapher for the Pennsylvania Railroad, but after six months in this post he left and became a bookkeeper for the "Philadelphia Inquirer." Two years later, he started in the mercantile business for himself in Laurel and continued to operate this business for six years, at the same time farming on his own land. In 1918 he bought a garage in Laurel and started in the automobile repair business, and four years later took over the Chevrolet agency with showrooms in Laurel. Mr. Oliphant has been dealing in Chevrolets ever since. He remained in Laurel until 1934 when the Chevrolet agency was transferred to Salisbury. His showrooms on Salisbury Boulevard are considered among the finest on the Eastern Shore, and his repair shop is also one of the best equipped. Mr. Oliphant is a member of the Salisbury Lions Club, and fraternally is affiliated with Salisbury Lodge, Number 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of both the Maryland and National Automobile Dealers associations, the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, and the Salisbury Automobile Dealers Association. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his family attend the Methodist Church.

He married at Elkton on October 31, 1936, Gladys Venables, the daughter of Norman and Georgia (Cline) Venables, her father being a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Oliphant have two children: Mary, who married Joseph Miller of Dover, Delaware; and Dorothy E., who married Walter Schilining of Baltimore.

**ROBERT NORMAN MASON**—One of the widely recognized attorneys of Accomac, Virginia, Robert Norman Mason has, for many years, carried on a highly successful law practice. His integrity and excellent judgment have gained for him a sturdy reputation among a host of personal friends, satisfied clients, and professional associates.

Mr. Mason was born September 15, 1898, at Onancock, Virginia, son of Charles C. and Martha M. (Edwards) Mason. His father was a prominent farmer of Accomac County.

Robert Mason received his early training in the public schools of Accomac and was graduated from high school there. He entered Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, Virginia, and, in 1921, received a bachelor's degree at that institution. Years later, in 1930, he gained the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the University of Richmond School of Law.

After completing his formal legal education, Mr. Mason passed his examinations and was admitted to the bar. He then opened his own law office at Accomac, sharing the same building with Ernest Ruediger. Throughout the years he has practiced independently





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along general lines of legal work. In much of his work, however, he has been in close association with Mr. Ruediger. In 1936 Mr. Mason, politically a Democrat, was elected commonwealth attorney for Accomac County, and he held this important position for a four-year period, serving the people under his jurisdiction faithfully and efficiently. In 1940 he returned to full-time practice, at which he was remarkably qualified through experience and natural ability. In 1942 his law work was interrupted due to World War II. He enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and served along the Atlantic coast as a seaman, first class, and as a boatswain's mate, second class, distinguishing himself under his country's flag. On July 11, 1944, after nineteen months' active duty, he received his honorable discharge and returned to law practice at Accomac. Since then he has continued to be a credit to his community and to the legal profession.

Active in the life of his community, Mr. Mason plays an important role in the work of the Lee District Ruritan Club of Accomac. In religious affiliation he adheres to the Baptist faith and attends the Baptist Church of Accomac.

On July 21, 1925, at Bloxom, Virginia, Robert Norman Mason married Elizabeth E. Paulson, daughter of Erastus P. and Nancy L. (Chase) Paulson. Her father was engaged in farming activities in Accomac County.

**HERMAN CLIFFORD WATSON**—A leading merchant of Onley, Virginia, and widely recognized along the entire Virginia shore for his highly successful petroleum enterprises, Herman Clifford Watson merits the esteem and admiration of his fellow citizens. His impartiality and integrity in all business dealings have earned for him a sterling reputation.

Mr. Watson was born February 19, 1882, at Custis Neck, Virginia, son of Lewis Oswald and Mary (Parker) Watson. His father was a prominent farmer of the region.

Herman Watson attended the public schools of Accomac County and worked during the summer months on his father's farm until he reached the age of fifteen years. After spending five years working at odd jobs in various sections of the country, he returned to his home. At this time he attended the Goldey Business College, Wilmington, Delaware, where he gained a substantial foundation in the rudiments of business procedure.

Upon completion of his formal training, Mr. Watson joined his father in a small retail grocery enterprise. After the store had been well established, he left his father to run it and became associated as a traveling salesman with the firm of Henry Brothers of Baltimore, Maryland. In time he returned to the grocery business in his home town, and developed a thriving jobbing branch carried out with the smaller merchants of the region. In 1912 he and his father dissolved their partnership, and the younger Mr. Watson established another store at Onley. The enterprise flourished and he was soon able to open a bottling plant in addition.

At the end of a number of years Mr. Watson expanded his business enterprises to include selling gasoline for the Texas Company. He began operations with a mule team costing sixty-five dollars and a second-hand wagon equipped with drums and a rotary pump. Due to efficiency of service and quality of product his enterprise grew so rapidly that he was

forced to sell his mules and wagons in order to equip himself with a fleet of Model T Fords. These he fitted out with one-hundred-fifty-gallon tanks. Thus he became the first to build and operate a gasoline filling station in Accomac County, using the Fords to transport the gasoline. Soon he was joined in his expanding petroleum enterprise by Peter Rue, who became of great assistance to him in the development of his oil interests. Throughout the years under the able leadership of Mr. Watson the enterprise, known as the Watson Texaco Service, has continued to grow, adding new gasoline stations in rapid succession. Today, in addition to one hundred twenty-seven stores and gasoline stations, he operates a complete auto parts enterprise with more than seven hundred accounts, and has storage space for three hundred thousand gallons of oil. His operations also include three warehouses, three bulk plants, and fourteen trucks. These extensive operations include the entire Virginia shore.

In addition to his own business enterprise, Mr. Watson plays a prominent role in the work of other business, financial and professional undertakings. He is president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Onley, is a director of the Eastern Shore Citizens Bank of Onancock, Virginia, is active on the finance committee of the Eastern Shore Fire Insurance Company, serves as chairman of the executive committee of the Accomac Memorial Hospital, and is president of the Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair Association. In civic affairs he does important work as a member of the Accomac County Finance Board. He is also active with the Rotary Club of Onancock. Fraternally, he holds membership in the Free and Accepted Masons, being affiliated with Central Lodge Number 300 at Onley. In politics he adheres to the policies of the Democratic party, and in religious faith is a Methodist, attending the Methodist Church of Onley.

On August 30, 1907, at Chincoteague, Virginia, Herman Clifford Watson married Carrie E. Whealton, daughter of John Burt and Mary E. (Williams) Whealton. Her father was captain of the life-saving station at Wallops Beach, Virginia.

**RAYMOND RUSSELL HITCH**, who since 1941 has been in the insurance business in his native Fruitland, handles all kinds of insurance and mortgages and has built up his business in noteworthy fashion within a few years. He was born in Fruitland on April 3, 1919, the son of Raymond A. and Florence (Pryor) Hitch. His father is a contractor and builder of Fruitland and also raises broilers, and has large real estate interests.

Raymond Russell Hitch attended the public schools of Wicomico County, graduating from Salisbury High School in the class of 1935. He then attended Salisbury State Teachers College. Upon completing his education he became associated with the Oliphant Chevrolet dealers in the capacity of stock clerk. Six months later, he accepted a position with the United States Department of Agriculture in the Bureau of Plant Entomology and Quarantine, with offices in the Salisbury Post Office Building. He worked with the Bureau for the five years from 1937 to 1942, and at the same time did farming on a farm which he owned, and during the final year he also conducted an insurance agency in his own home. This agency, which was under the Farm Bureau Insurance Company of Columbus, Ohio, was first started by Mr. Hitch in

1941, but by the following year it had assumed such proportions that he found it necessary to give up his farm and devote his entire energy to the insurance business. In 1946 he built an attractive brick building on Highway 13 in Fruitland as his insurance office, and here he handles all kinds of insurance and also home mortgages. Mr. Hitch has the honor of being the highest producer for the Farm Bureau Insurance Company, having won the "casualty trophy award" in 1945 and 1946, and also the "man of the year" trophy, which is the most coveted award bestowed on any of the twenty-six hundred Farm Bureau insurance agents throughout twelve states. He was next to the highest competitor for the European trip awarded by the Farm Bureau Insurance Company in 1947 and was the second highest producer of all lines of insurance for 1947 among this company's agents. In 1948 he made the "Challenger Club" of the company in a single month, although it had never before been attained under two months. His insurance business has the reputation of being conducted in a fair and honest manner and his courteous and friendly dealings have brought him many customers.

Mr. Hitch is a charter member of the Fruitland Lions Club, a member of the Fruitland Volunteer Fire Company, a director of the Wicomico Farm Bureau, a member of the Tri-State Poultry Association, and of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is affiliated with Newton Lodge, Number 56, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is active in the affairs of the Fruitland Methodist Church, being a member of the board of trustees, and serves as treasurer of St. John's Sunday school.

On June 29, 1940, in Madonna Church in Jarrettsville, Harford County, Raymond Russell Hitch was married to Kathryn Gross, the daughter of William S. and Florence (Streett) Gross.

**HAROLD LORENZO LOREMAN, JR.**—As manufacturer of the well-known Loreman Battery, and owner and operator of the business known as the Loreman Automotive Products, Harold Lorenzo Loreman, Jr., of Salisbury is active in the business life of the Eastern Shore. He is a past international director of Lions International and former district governor of the Maryland, Delaware, and Washington, D. C. district of the Lions Clubs, as well as being prominent in the local club of this organization. A staunch Democrat, Mr. Loreman is a director of the Democratic Club of Wicomico County.

He was born in Crisfield on August 14, 1909, the son of Harold Lorenzo and Edna Earl (Tawes) Loreman, his father, Harold Lorenzo Loreman, Sr., being in the oil business.

Harold Lorenzo Loreman, Jr., attended the elementary school at Crisfield and Crisfield High School, Staunton Military Academy, the Bryant & Stratton Business College at Baltimore, and the Maryland Institute, from which he graduated in the class of 1927. He then entered the employ of L. R. Carson Company of Crisfield, who were in the sea food business, and after a year with this concern and two years with the John T. Handy Company, another sea food concern, he became assistant state auditor of Maryland, a post he held for one year. After thus obtaining a variety of experience in the business world, Mr. Loreman then became associated with his father in the oil business, and spent the next sixteen years in this business. He and his father organized the Loreman Automotive Products in Salisbury, and in course of time he pur-

chased his father's interest in this business, which he now carries on by himself. In addition he is the manufacturer of the Loreman Battery, which is well-known.

During World War II, Mr. Loreman was in the United States Maritime Service. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Salisbury Lodge, Number 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is very active in the Salisbury Lions Club and has held responsible posts in the international and regional organization of Lions Clubs. He belongs to the Methodist Church, and is a Democrat in his political convictions, having been a candidate for Congress, First Congressional District, in 1948.

He married Shirley Anderson, the daughter of Holmer I. and Gertrude (Schmidt) Anderson of Redfield, South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Loreman have one child, Gayle Loreman.

**ROOKER JOHN WHITE, M.D.**, was born in Somerset County, Maryland, on May 17, 1879, the son of John T. and Rebecca Jane Furness White. At the age of seven his parents moved to Norfolk, Virginia, where his father established a wholesale oyster packing business, John T. White & Company. His son received his early education in the private schools of Norfolk and at Churchland Academy, Churchland, Virginia. He then attended Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia, and graduated from the University College of Medicine, Richmond, Virginia, in 1901.

Following his graduation, Dr. White was intern at St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia and then took postgraduate work at Johns Hopkins Medical School. In 1904 he opened his office in Keller, Virginia and began the practice of medicine. In these days there were no automobiles and Dr. White has many vivid memories of horse and buggy trips over dirt roads to his patients in the surrounding countryside from sea to bay. In 1911 he bought his first automobile. Throughout his medical career he has specialized in the practice of internal medicine.

For forty-four years Dr. White has been practicing medicine at Keller, and during all that time has managed to take an active part in community and county affairs. In 1915 he became a member of the Accomac County Board of Health and has served in that capacity ever since. He was a member of the Selective Service Personnel of Virginia during both World Wars, served on the local draft board during World War I, after trying in vain to enlist for active service. In World War II he had charge of the Examining Board No. 1 of Accomac County. Dr. White is a director of the Northampton-Accomac Memorial Hospital and a member of both Accomac County and the State of Virginia Medical societies. He is a trustee of the Accomac County School Board. Since 1914 he has been a director of the Eastern Shore Citizens Bank, and since 1936 has been first vice president of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Fire Insurance Company.

Dr. White is a member of the Oak Grove Methodist Church. In 1908 he became a member of Ocean Lodge No. 116, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Wachapreague, Virginia, and, a few months later, a Royal Arch Mason, Jewel Chapter No. 49, Onancock, Virginia. A few years later he was made a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Freemasonry, Valley of Norfolk, Virginia. He is a Shriner and a member of the Khedive Temple, Norfolk, Virginia.

Dr. White married on June 26, 1906, Fairy Mapp,







*A. Vernon Turner*

daughter of Dr. John E. and Margaret (LeCato) Mapp. Dr. Mapp at this time was in active practice near Keller, Virginia. Dr. and Mrs. White are the parents of two children: 1. Rebecca Anne, born February 7, 1909, who received her Bachelor of Arts at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, taught in Accomac County high schools and at Green Vale, private school, on the north shore of Long Island, New York; married James M. Kenney of Roslyn, New York, and they have one daughter, Scotia Anne. 2. Rooker J. White, Jr., born October 11, 1913, attended Episcopal High School, Alexandria, Virginia, three years and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia. He married Geraldine Sterner of Baltimore, Maryland, in 1939, and since World War II, they have lived in Baltimore where he owns and operates the Sanitone Dry Cleaners. During World War II, Rooker J. White, Jr., was an engineer on a B-24, and successfully completed forty-two combat missions over Europe, receiving the Air Medal, four Oak Leaf Clusters, and five Bronze Stars. When discharged from the Army he was a technical sergeant.

Dr. White, by the faithful discharge of his duties as a citizen, has won the admiration of the people of the Eastern Shore of Virginia and is recognized as one of its useful citizens. He is a skillful and conscientious doctor, faithfully serving rich and poor alike.

**A. VERNON TURNER**—The firm of A. Vernon Turner and Sons, Incorporated, located in Cambridge, does a successful and growing business in a wide variety of home equipment and appliances: air conditioning equipment, refrigerators, laundry equipment and water heaters, washing machines, oil burners and dishwashers. The handling of such a varied line of products requires initiative and business acumen, and this, the proprietors have brought to their business enterprise.

A. Vernon Turner was born in Baltimore, April 19, 1892, the son of Nicholas and Winifred (Murdock) Turner. His education, begun in Baltimore public schools, was rounded out by advanced correspondence courses, after which he served apprenticeships in the gauge and toolmaking trade, and in plumbing and heating, all in the city of his birth.

At the age of twenty-two, becoming a journeyman, he took employment with the Fauntleroy Elevator Company, where he remained several years. During the time of this connection, he invented and patented various gas-mixing appliances, which were accorded quite general usage for some time. He later became associated with the Consolidated Baltimore Gas and Electric Company and still later with the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company. In March, 1922, he came to Cambridge, to take charge of operating the gas plant for the Eastern Shore Gas and Electric Company. It was after operating this plant for a ten-year period that he entered business for himself.

He had now a wide variety of experience, and of it he chose the plumbing and heating phase in which to concentrate his subsequent efforts. His own initial enterprise was started under the name of A. Vernon Turner, Plumbing and Heating. Shortly afterwards, Sears, Roebuck and Company established a large store in the locality, and in addition to continuing his own business, Mr. Turner took care of all their work of the same type. In 1946 Mr. Turner took in his son, N. Vernon, as partner, since which time the company has been known as A. Vernon Turner and Son. In

1948 two other sons, C. Rutledge and F. Ellwood, joined the firm which was then incorporated.

Not too engrossed in his business to participate fully in civic affairs, Mr. Turner's record in his community has been a creditable one. Since 1939 he has occupied the post of police commissioner of Cambridge. He is active in the Chamber of Commerce, and in Republican political affairs. His club activities are numerous. In 1931 he organized the Cambridge Athletic Club. He also organized and was first president of the first Eastern Shore Semi-Pro Baseball League. He is a member of the Cambridge Country Club, and of the Lions Club. His lodges are the Cambridge, Number 66, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

During World War II Mr. Turner served with the civilian branch of the Army Air Forces, Procurement Division. In this work he attained the title of advance administrator, being one of only fifteen men east of the Mississippi to hold such a title. He was an instructor in the training of Army inspectors at the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Plants, and had charge of quality control at those plants.

Mr. Turner is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, where he has served for a number of years both as steward and as Sunday school superintendent. His hobby is baseball.

On July 25, 1911, A. Vernon Turner married Anna Heil of Baltimore. They are the parents of three sons: 1. N. Vernon, who after graduation from Cambridge High School and the study of gas engineering at Johns Hopkins, became associated with his father in the firm of A. Vernon Turner and Son. He designed a course of study for veterans at high schools, which has been accepted and put into practice all over Maryland. He is instructor in this course, which covers plumbing and heating, at Cambridge High School. He married La Verne Tillman of Cambridge, and they are the parents of three children, Wayne, Faye, and Douglas. 2. C. Rutledge, a graduate of the local high school, spent seventeen years with the Phillips Packing Company in sales promotion and office management capacities. He is past president of the Lions Club, a member and former officer of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge, chairman, Republican State Central Committee for Dorchester County, honorary member of Rescue Fire Company, and operates in partnership, the Lettercraft Company, which does offset printing, mimeographing and direct mail, a business that started as a hobby. He is married to Elizabeth Jones of Cambridge. They have two children, Donna, and C. Rutledge, II. 3. Frederick Ellwood, who attended local schools, served with the United States Navy overseas, and is now associated with his father. He married Josephine Harris.

**HERBERT PENN ELZEY** of the Elzey & Jones Motors, Incorporated of Salisbury, handling sales and service for Hudson motor cars, has had a wealth of experience in the garage, automobile repair, and automobile sales business.

Mr. Elzey was born in Wicomico County on June 21, 1894, the son of Harvey T. and Mary (Tubbs) Elzey. His father was a farmer of Wicomico County.

Herbert Penn Elzey attended elementary and high school in Wicomico County. After leaving school he worked for five years in the machine shop of Disharoon & Sermon of Salisbury. In 1917 he became associated with Benjamin Wilson in the plumbing business for one year, after which he went to Allen and



bought a garage, where he did general repair work on automobiles and also on other machinery. After ten years at this business he sold his garage and in 1928 became a salesman for the L. W. Gumby Company, who had the agency for Buick, Ford, Dodge, Plymouth, and Nash cars. He sold cars with this concern for ten years, after which he became associated with the Wicomico Motor Company as a salesman for three years. For a year and a half he worked at building tanks with the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Chester, when that concern was turning out military tanks for the United States Army. He then spent two and a half years with the Sun Oil Company, before taking over the agency for Hudson automobiles, with showrooms on Salisbury Boulevard, and full facilities for sales and service. This concern, which does business under the firm name of Elzey & Jones Motors, is one of Salisbury's leading automobile agencies.

Mr. Elzey is a member of the National Association of Automobile Dealers, and of the Salisbury Automobile Dealers Association. Politically, he is a Republican and he attends the Methodist Church.

He married at Allen on January 17, 1917, Louise Whayland, the daughter of John Whayland, a farmer of Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Elzey have two children: James H., and William E.

**LUCIUS JAMES KELLAM, JR.**—One of Belle Haven's progressive younger business men is Lucius James Kellam, Jr., president of the Kellam Oil Distributing Company, with its main plant at Belle Haven, and auxiliary tanks at Cape Charles and Chincoteague. Mr. Kellam has served on the Belle Haven town council and is otherwise active in community affairs. During World War II he served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy.

He was born on September 24, 1911 at Belle Haven, the son of Lucius J. and Carrie Hargis (Polk) Kellam, both now deceased. Lucius J. Kellam, Sr., was a farmer.

Lucius J. Kellam, Jr. was educated at St. James School in Hagerstown and Trinity College, in Hartford, Connecticut, from which he graduated in the class of 1935. After leaving college he became associated with the Sturgus Oil Company at Belle Haven, and in 1938 he became secretary and treasurer of this concern. In 1946, following Mr. Kellam's return to civilian life after World War II, the name of the business was changed from the Sturgus Oil Company to the Kellam Oil Distributing Company and Mr. Kellam assumed the office of president. This company is in the wholesale business, selling and distributing petroleum products and automobile parts and accessories. With one parts store at Cape Charles and auxiliary tanks at Chincoteague, in addition to the main plant at Belle Haven, the concern is well known in the two Virginia counties of the Eastern Shore region. It employs nineteen men and has twelve trucks.

Mr. Kellam is a Democrat, and in 1938 served as a member of the Belle Haven town council. He is a member of the Tidewater Automobile Association and serves on its board of directors. He is also a director of the People's Trust Bank of Exmore, and a member of the Exmore Rotary Club and the Exmore Post of the American Legion. During World War II Mr. Kellam served on the carrier "Essex," with the United States Navy Task Forces 58 and 38; he made twenty-eight strikes and was present at the surrender of Japan. After serving for three years he was dis-

charged December 23, 1945 with the rank of lieutenant. Mr. Kellam and his family attend the Presbyterian Church of Belle Haven.

He married at Norfolk on September 12, 1936, Dorothy Douglass, the daughter of Ralph B. and Renova (Beard) Douglass, her father being vice president of the Smith-Douglass Company, manufacturers of fertilizers, with offices at Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Kellam have two children: Dorothy Douglass Kellam, born December 24, 1937, and Lucius J. Kellam, III, born May 22, 1939.

**ERNEST O. WHEATLEY**—An outstanding figure in the business, civic and health and welfare life of the Eastern Shore is Ernest O. Wheatley, president of the Sunshine Laundry Corporation, of Salisbury. This firm, with plants at Crisfield and Berlin as well as Salisbury, covers a trading territory beginning at Seaford, Delaware, and extending to Accomac, Virginia. Mr. Wheatley is associated with the Farmers Merchants Bank of Salisbury and heads, or has headed, a variety of civic, commercial and welfare organizations.

He was born in Dorchester County on November 13, 1901, the son of Samuel W. and Nettie (Medford) Wheatley. His father was in the lumber business in Dorchester County.

Ernest O. Wheatley was educated in the public schools of Dorchester County and at Goldey Business College at Wilmington, Delaware. When he left school, he bought a grocery store in the Dorchester County community of Eldorado, and this he operated for six months, at the end of which period he sold it. He then took a position in Federalsburg with the Federalsburg Lumber Company, and with this company he remained from 1921 to 1925.

The lumber concern happened to own a small laundry and Mr. Wheatley became much interested in this branch of the business, with the result that he familiarized himself with its operations down to the smallest detail. Fortified with the knowledge thus gained, he moved to Salisbury in 1925 and laid the plans which the following year led to the establishment of the Sunshine Laundry Corporation. Of this Mr. Wheatley is president and secretary and J. Herman Noble of Federalsburg is vice president and treasurer. In the three plants at Crisfield, Berlin and Salisbury the company employs two hundred persons.

Mr. Wheatley is a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Merchants Bank of Salisbury. In World War II he was a member of the Wicomico County Draft Board, headquartered in Salisbury. He served on the board for four years. He is a former president of the Rotary Club of Salisbury and of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, and is now president of the advisory board of the Salvation Army of Wicomico County, and president of the board of directors of the Peninsula General Hospital. He is a member of all bodies of the Masonic fraternity from the Blue Lodge up to and including the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and of Salisbury Lodge, Number 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of Maryland Board of Public Welfare. He worships in the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Wheatley married Rita Hallowell in Philadelphia on February 1, 1930. Mrs. Wheatley is the daughter of John W. and Betty (Stewart) Hallowell.





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Her father is a Chevrolet dealer at Seaford, Delaware, and at Federalsburg and Easton, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley make their home in Salisbury.

**THOMAS HYMAN HURLEY** has had a varied career in business, but a successful one. He is still a young man, and one of the type of whom can be expected further successful ventures in the future.

Born September 9, 1913, in New Church, Virginia, he is the son of William A. and Lula May (Watson) Hurley, who were natives of Accomac County, Virginia. His father was a farmer, and a merchant at Atlantic, Virginia, and was a faithful member of the Democratic party. Thomas H. Hurley was educated in the public schools of New Church, Virginia, and attended high school in that place, graduating in the class of 1931. Thereafter he took advantage of an opportunity to travel, which would have been the envy of any lad of twenty-one. Yet for a youth it was a heavy responsibility: that of buying and soliciting, for a produce concern. His travels carried him from Maine to Florida.

Responsibility, however, became him well, and when in 1941 he joined the Eastern Shore Gas Corporation, it was to fill the position of manager. This post he held until 1946. At the present time Mr. Hurley is engaged in the sale of motor cars, being sales manager for the Matthews Motor Company of Pocomoke City. In this capacity he has charge of the sale of both new and used automobiles.

Mr. Hurley is a Democrat in his political views. He is a member of the Lions Club, and worships at the Methodist Church.

Thomas Hyman Hurley was married in Worcester County on June 15, 1934, to Mary Estelle Hastings, of Wattsville, Virginia. Her parents, William E. and Bessie (Justice) Hastings, are natives of Accomac County, that state. Mr. and Mrs. Hurley are the parents of a son, William Hastings, who was born August 28, 1937, in Wattsville, Virginia.

**JOHN BROOKS MAPP**—One of the best known and most capable lawyers on the Eastern Shore is John Brooks Mapp, who practiced his profession for many years in Accomac County in partnership with his brother, George Waller Mapp, Sr., and since the death of his brother in 1941, has practiced in association with his son, William King Mapp, with offices at Keller, Virginia.

John Brooks Mapp was born near Keller on March 30, 1887, the son of Dr. John E. and Margaret (LeCato) Mapp, his father being a physician well-known on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

After attending the public schools of Accomac County, Mr. Mapp studied at Pungoteague Academy and Margaret Academy and then entered Randolph-Macon College, from which he graduated in the class of 1905. He then went on to take his legal training in the University of Virginia Law School, graduating there in 1908 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar in 1908 and became associated with his brother, George Waller Mapp, Sr., the firm name being Mapp & Mapp, with offices at Accomac and Keller. This partnership continued for thirty-three years, until the death of George Waller Mapp, Sr. in 1941. A Democrat in his political conviction, John Brooks Mapp had never sought public office as had his brother, who was well known in political circles, but after his brother's death John Brooks Mapp completed his term of office as Commissioner of Fish-

eries for the State of Virginia. Since 1941 he has practiced at Keller in association with his son, William King Mapp, who is a graduate of the University of Virginia Law School in the class of 1936. He and his son have a high reputation, and handle a great deal of important legal business on the Eastern Shore, the firm being one of the best known in this region. John Brooks Mapp is a member of the Methodist Church of Keller, belongs to the Rotary Club of Onancock, is president of the Accomac County Bar Association, and chairman of the Democratic Committee for the County of Accomac.

He married on November 15, 1911, at Pocomoke City, in Maryland, Eloise King, the daughter of William F. and Carrie (Hack) King, her father being a banker. Mr. and Mrs. Mapp are the parents of one son, William King Mapp, born October 20, 1913, who married Barbara Hagen of Los Angeles, California, and they have one daughter, Nancy Mapp, born December 3, 1946. William King Mapp served in the United States Navy in World War II, entering the service as an ensign and rising to the rank of lieutenant commander. He saw action at Iwo Jima and Okinawa as an executive officer and navigator on an L.S.T.

**ORLANDO MACK SHOCKLEY**—The career of Orlando M. Shockley illustrates the multitude of possibilities open to a progressive enterpriser, proceeding unfettered and resourcefully in the realization of worthy goals. He has made the most of the opportunities afforded by each successive—and successful—entry into business; and the scope of his abilities is evidenced by his activities as lumber and manufacturing executive, retail merchant, industrialist in the important canning business, teacher, banker, and legislator. Here indeed is proof that the American system liberates and offers stimulus to the fullest faculties of a man.

Born near Berlin on November 7, 1875, Mr. Shockley was the son of a farmer, of a family numbered among the oldest on the Eastern Shore. This John A. Shockley was in turn the son of a farmer, Joshua by name, who held land in Wicomico County. He married Tabitha, whose maiden name is not recorded. John A. Shockley chose as his wife, Maria Ellen Gordy Rayne, and Orlando Mack Shockley's life began on their farm near Berlin. He attended the country and grade schools of Bishopville, and after completing his education taught school for three years in Worcester County. On being married, he deemed teaching a precarious risk in point of remuneration, and in association with his father-in-law, John W. Mumford, entered the lumber business. John W. Mumford, at once an ambitious and practical man, with no small amount of initiative, had lumbering interests in North Carolina, as well as on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia. These he conducted successfully in addition to his agricultural pursuits, the main office of his business being at Showell, Maryland. His son-in-law learned much from him, working in North Carolina and at Showell, gaining the practical experience which was later to prove so valuable in his managerial responsibilities. His first such responsibility was being in charge of the office in Norfolk, Virginia. He remained there for five years, operating the firm, under the name of the Bowen Lumber Company. Between 1907 and 1911 the youthful entrepreneur gained another type of experience, this time in merchandising. He operated a general store, an activity of the greatest importance to the community in those days of unspe-



cialized retailing; and in addition he delivered the rural mail. Then, in partnership with John M. Moore, he established a box and planing mill, operating under the corporate name of J. M. Moore and Company. In 1911 the founders enlarged their business, and changed the firm's name to the Showell Manufacturing Company, continuing with their previous business of manufacture, but also turning to the making of strawberry crates, a phase of vital importance in this fruit-growing area. In 1912 they began their operation of a tomato canning plant. Its operation was continued under their joint management for over a quarter of a century, and in 1939, Mr. Shockley purchased the entire prosperous business which he conducted until 1942, the year of his retirement, when it was sold.

Having afforded ample claim to the title of one of the region's most able and prominent business men, Mr. Shockley was throughout the years offered other responsible business connections. He became a stockholder of the Bishopville Bank in 1926, and eight years later became its president, in which important office he remains active to the present time. A life-long devotee of the Republican cause in politics, he was chosen in 1920 a member of the State Legislature on that ticket.

Mr. Shockley has always participated in the affairs of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he holds the Thirty-second degree, and membership in all branches of the order. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; past grand of Worcester Lodge Number 13, past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and a Patriarch Militant. He belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, White Eagle Tribe Number 101 in Berlin; and is a member of the Eastern Star, and of the Order of United American Mechanics. Mr. Shockley is a Methodist in religious belief, and has long been active in the church of that denomination in Showell. His enviable record as superintendent of its Sunday school dates back to 1904. Since 1909 he has been a local preacher, and since 1915 a member and teacher of the Bible class. He is president of the Board of Temperance of the Peninsula Methodist Conference, and in 1940 served as delegate to the General and Jurisdictional conferences of the Methodist Church.

At Bishopville, on October 23, 1901, Orlando Mack Shockley married Lovey Caroline Mumford, daughter of John W. and Mary Katherine Mumford. To them was born, on November 2, 1902 in Berlin, Maryland, a daughter, Edith Ione, who is married to John Palmer of Berlin, Maryland, and the mother of five children: 1. Carolyn Elizabeth, born July 7, 1923. 2. John Richard, born July 21, 1924. 3. James Orlando, born May 12, 1927. 4. Charles Edward, born December 14, 1930. 5. Ellen Rosemary, born August 17, 1940. All five children were born in Showell, Maryland. A sketch of Mr. Palmer is to be found in this volume.

**WILLIAM WHITAKER HOLLAND**—With a major industry of our country and certainly one highly outstanding on the Eastern Shore, agriculture, William Whitaker Holland has been identified for the most of his mature years. Notably public-spirited, he co-operates with any movement or organization that promotes the better development of the community and the welfare of its people.

Mr. Holland was born at Eastville, Virginia, on December 9, 1905, son of the late Edward and Eva (Vandergrift) Holland, the father being a farmer who

also engaged in the mill business in Northampton, Virginia prior to his death. His mother is living. The Holland name is one widely known in the Maryland, and Virginia section of the South, to which members of the family evidently came from New England many years ago. The name is a so-called place name, derived from Holland, Europe, where it became the name of a country, originally called Hollowland, because of its low-lying areas much of which has been recaptured from the sea. One of the progenitors of the Hollands was Christopher Holland, who was at Boston, Massachusetts, in 1652; and John Holland who was at Dorchester in 1636.

William Whitaker Holland was educated in the schools of his birthplace, Eastville, Virginia, the Episcopal High School of Alexandria, where he was prepared for higher studies, and completed his formal education at the University of Virginia, with the class of 1930. His first business connection of importance was in association with his brother, Edward Holland, in the operation of a produce firm at Eastville. Later he followed in the tradition of the family and entered agriculture, a vocation he has since followed. To his work he brings the modern touch and knowledge, being to the fore in the practice of better methods and skilled distribution of the products he raises. He is a Democrat in political allegiance, and is a member of the Ruritan Club of Northampton, Virginia. He worships in the faith of the Episcopal Church, a member of the Eastville congregation.

On March 31, 1948, at Eastville, Virginia, William Whitaker Holland married Anne Costin Wilkins, daughter of John T. and Marguret C. (Spady) Wilkins, both of whom are deceased, her father having been a lawyer.

According to family records the progenitor of the Wilkins family, of Eastville, John Wilkins, settled on the Eastern Shore of Virginia in 1718. He married Bridget and they were the parents of a large family. Their son, Nathaniel Wilkins, married Frances Hunt, and of their children was Thomas Wilkins who married Mary Stockley; their son, John, married Elizabeth Elliot, and their son, William Elliot Wilkins, married Nancy Trower. Among their children was John Trower Wilkins, who married Elizabeth Turner, and their son, John Trower Wilkins, 3rd, married Marguret C. Spady, who were the parents of Mrs. William Whitaker Holland.

**J. HOWARD JOHNSON**, who for many years owned and operated the Wicomico Garage in Salisbury, where he was distributor for Cadillac automobiles, retired from active business in this field in 1941, and has since devoted part of his time to his real estate interests in and about Salisbury. At the present time he is developing Lakeland, a suburb of Salisbury which, when finished, will be one of the show places in Wicomico County. Mr. Johnson also owns a beautiful home in Miami Shores, Florida, where he enjoys a well-earned leisure during the winter months. He takes a keen interest in community affairs in Salisbury and is one of the most highly respected citizens of the entire Eastern Shore. For eight years he served in the Maryland Legislature.

J. Howard Johnson was born in Salisbury on May 25, 1897, the son of Lee and Maybell (Goslee) Johnson, the former a native of Suffolk, Virginia, the latter of Allen, Maryland. After attending the elementary schools of Salisbury and Salisbury High School, Mr. Johnson became associated with his father, who was a







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contractor and builder, and he spent fourteen years in this kind of work. He then learned the trade of automobile mechanic and entered the employ of the Packard Motor Car Company as service manager. In 1923 he started in business for himself, taking over the Cadillac automobile agency and purchasing the Wicomico Garage in Salisbury. He conducted this business for eighteen years, until 1941, when he retired.

Mr. Johnson owns a great deal of real estate in Salisbury and apartment houses in Norfolk, Virginia. He is developing Lakeland, on the outskirts of Salisbury, a suburb which is expected to be one of the most attractive developments of its kind in the county.

A staunch Democrat, Mr. Johnson takes an active part in local politics, and for eight years he represented his fellow citizens in the State Legislature. As a young man he served in the United States Navy in 1914, but received a medical discharge before the United States entered World War I. He is a member of the Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with Salisbury Lodge, Number 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

He married at Salisbury, July 27, 1935, Gertrude P. Taylor, who died on December 2, 1942. To this union was born one child, Virginia Lee Johnson, on May 12, 1936.

**S. FRANKLYN WOODCOCK**—An auction specialist who has sold property in every state in the Union, and who handles thousands and thousands of dollars' worth of property each year, S. Franklyn Woodcock is also an active participant in the community life of his native Salisbury, and finds time to play a prominent role in many of its organizations.

He was born May 5, 1891, in Salisbury, the son of Samuel P. and Carrie (Smith) Woodcock. His father spent many years in the real estate business in Salisbury, and it was from him that S. Franklyn Woodcock learned the business and the underlying principles that have guided him in his successful career. His mother had a very great influence over him, and in her memory, Mr. Woodcock has given to the city and county of Salisbury and Wicomico County, a memorial park, with the restriction that no alcoholic beverage is ever to be sold or dispensed on this property.

S. Franklyn Woodcock attended the Salisbury public schools, and Salisbury High School. He then became a student at Skinner Business College, and later at St. John's College, in Annapolis. He had grown up in the real estate business, having started to work for his father when he was twelve years of age, and after he completed his education he devoted his entire time to the real estate business in association with his father. He remained with his father until 1921, when he opened his own real estate office, specializing in auctions. He has sold property in all parts of the United States, and his reputation for prompt and aggressive action is such that it is said of him generally, "When a piece of property is listed with him for sale, that property is sold."

For thirty years Mr. Woodcock has been a member of the board of directors of the Farmers & Merchants Bank. During World War I he served with the Eighteenth Division of the United States Army as commander of the Eighteenth Division supply train, and although he was not sent overseas he rose from the rank of private to lieutenant and then to acting major. He is a charter member of the Salisbury

Lions Club, and fraternally is affiliated with Salisbury Lodge, Number 817, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a leading member of the Asbury Methodist Church, where he serves on the board of trustees. A Republican in his political ties, he has never sought political office, but he takes a keen interest in public affairs and in all that makes for the welfare of the Eastern Shore, as well as that of the nation at large.

Mr. Woodcock married on December 27, 1937, at Arvolia, Virginia, Elizabeth Pitts, daughter of Arthur L. Pitts, manager of the Buckingham Slate Company.

**MARION SCOTT**—Deep in the heart of the old plantation country, south of Cape Charles in Northampton County, lives Marion Scott, who, although now advanced in years, still vigorously manages the work of his many plantations. The continuity of its associations with Mr. Scott's family remains unbroken in him, the years not altering the old attitudes and values, but rather strengthening the present member's faith in the soil which had been characteristic of his forebears.

Marion Scott is the son of Dr. William John and Martha (Dixon) Scott, his father following the profession of physician as well as being a plantation owner. Mr. Scott's earliest years were ones of association with the activities of the plantation, as well as of education in the local schools, and after class hours he devoted his time to assisting his father. Mr. Scott has continued on the plantation throughout his life, and although eighty-eight years of age at the time of writing he is still active in their management. The principal crops produced are potatoes, corn and oats.

A word as to Mr. Scott's descent. The Scotts are a particularly ancient family, most authorities claiming that the name is derived from Scota, a daughter of Pharaoh, King of Egypt, who was drowned in the Red Sea. As the family's history relates to Scotland, the original word in Ossian is Scuta, which signified "restless wanderer," hence the propriety of the name Scuite, or Scot. The first member of the family to bring the name to the shores of the New World was Richard Scott, who was born in England in 1607, and settled in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1634. It is probably from him that the Scotts of the Eastern Shore of Virginia are descended.

Marion Scott was married three times. He married first, Catherine Spady, daughter of Dr. Thomas and Maria Ann (Jarvis) Spady. Catherine (Spady) Scott died in 1896. He married, second, Julia Goffigon, who died in 1930. He married, third, Nancy Spady Nottingham, daughter of Lucius Smith Nottingham, who served in the War Between the States, was a justice of the peace and a farmer. He was born on the old family farm in 1840 where the Scotts now reside. Her family came from Nottinghamshire, England, and were of the first settlers on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Mrs. Lucius Smith Nottingham, Mrs. Scott's mother, owned Arlington, in Northampton County, one of the oldest homes on the Eastern Shore. It was after this estate that Lee's famous home was named.

Marion Scott is the father of two children: 1. William John, a doctor of medicine residing in Detroit, Michigan. He married Florence Upshur. Their son, William John, a public accountant, is also married and the father of two children, Peggy Ann and William John. 2. Marion Upshur, also a doctor of medicine, sent by the United States Government to Germany.



Mr. and Mrs. Marion Scott now reside at Mrs. Scott's old home, an historic dwelling originally built between 1690 and 1710. They attend the Holmes Presbyterian Church in Bay View, Virginia, of which body Mr. Scott is an elder. Mrs. Scott is a member of Ye Olde Arlington Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy.

**RUSSEL AUBREY PARSONS**—Through nearly all of his business life Russel Aubrey Parsons was exceptionally active in the produce trade, with his home and headquarters at Cape Charles, Virginia. Reared on his father's farm, he early was initiated into the difficulties and rewards of agriculture. He attended country schools at his birthplace, Capeville, Virginia, and when he branched out for himself, entered the produce business and rose to be one of the outstanding men in this field of operations. His enterprise became widely ramified through the passing years and he bought and sold many supplies required by farmers.

Among the earliest records of the Parsons name in Great Britain were those of William Parsons of County Norfolk in 1273. One branch of the family in England is said to have descended from Ralph Parsons of Northamptonshire about 1560, who was the father of John of Buckinghamshire. Another early line was that descended from Thomas Parsons of Oxfordshire in the latter half of the sixteenth century. About 1680 one Richard Parsons was living in Hampshire. It is not definitely known from which of the many illustrious lines of the family in England all of the early American immigrants were descended, but it is generally believed that all of the Parsons were of extremely ancient origin and, in many cases, of common ancestry at a remote period.

Russel Aubrey Parsons was born at Capeville, Virginia, on November 12, 1865, son of Thomas and Arinthia Parsons. His father was a farmer and businessman in Cape Charles.

One of the innovations of Russel A. Parsons that contributed valuably to truck gardeners was the purchase of seed potatoes, particularly of the early varieties from Maine, one of the foremost states that specialized in these. He sold Maine seed potatoes to agriculturalists all over a very wide territory, and had a reputation that was known both in the North and in the upper South. Mr. Parsons also sold fertilizers in large quantities, chemicals for spray and related uses, grains, seeds and plants to vegetable growers and the general farmer. At one time he was connected with the Eastern Shore Exchange and also had an association with the Atlantic Commission Company. In personal interests he was affiliated with Cape Charles Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and worshipped in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a member of Cape Charles Rotary Club.

Russel Aubrey Parsons married (first) Anne Savage, a native of the Eastern Shore, who died in 1908. He married (second), in 1912, Alice Smith of Cape Charles, daughter of William Sidney and Elizabeth (Wallace) Smith. Mrs. Parsons is a member of Northampton Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, the Henry A. Wise Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Women's Club of the Eastern Shore.

Mr. Parsons passed away on March 17, 1934, a substantial citizen who co-operated heartily in civic affairs, a man of many loyal friends, admired and loved for his character and achievements.

**VIBART ASBURY CHANDLER** is head of one of the most successful insurance agencies of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, at Accomac. Starting the business himself many years ago, he has built it up through the years, and now has his three sons associated with him, operating under the firm name of V. A. Chandler & Sons. This firm not only handles every kind of insurance but real estate as well, and they also own and operate the Onancock Coal & Wood Company at Onancock a few miles away. Mr. Chandler developed the Fair View Lawn Cemetery near Onancock, one of the most beautiful cemeteries on the Eastern Shore, which was just completed in 1948. A Democrat in his political convictions, Mr. Chandler takes an active interest in public affairs. On January 1, 1948 he was elected deputy treasurer of Accomac County for a term of four years.

He was born at Onancock, September 18, 1892, the son of John and Annie (Scott) Chandler. Mr. Chandler's father followed the water, and he himself, after attending the Onancock public schools, became a sailor before the mast on a freighter and followed the water for two years. He then went to work for Leatherbury, Belote & Company of Onancock, at that time the largest department store in this entire region and said to be the largest south of Wilmington. After eight years with this store, he resigned his position in order to go into the insurance business for himself, under the name of V. A. Chandler. He handled all kinds of insurance and met with great success. In 1939 his son Vibart Asbury Chandler, Jr., became associated with him, and the firm name of V. A. Chandler & Son was adopted. In June, 1948, Mr. Chandler's other two sons, John Roland Chandler, and William Hogg Chandler, were admitted to the business, and the firm name was changed again, this time to V. A. Chandler & Sons. The firm handles insurance on the land, on the sea, and in the air, insurance of every kind. In addition it is engaged in the real estate business. Another enterprise is the Onancock Coal & Wood Company at Onancock, where Mr. Chandler was born. Mr. Chandler takes great pride in the new and beautiful Fair View Lawn Cemetery which he developed near Onancock and which has only recently been completed and has drawn much favorable comment as one of the finest cemeteries on the Eastern Shore.

Mr. Chandler is a member of the Onancock Lions Club, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Chesapeake Lodge Number 158, of Onancock, and with Lodge Number 1624 of Pocomoke City, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Eastern Star Chapter Number 46, at Onancock. He is a member of the Onancock Methodist Church. At present he holds office as deputy treasurer of Accomac County, his first public office, although he has always been actively interested in civic affairs.

Vibart Asbury Chandler married at Norfolk on February 9, 1915, Edith Hogg, of West Point, Virginia, the daughter of Joshua and Sarah M. (Carson) Hogg, her father being a waterman. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler are the parents of four children: 1. Vibart Asbury Chandler, Jr., born October 27, 1916, attended Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, Virginia. He served in the ground crew of the United States Army Air Corps in the South Pacific during World War II, serving four years and one month and being discharged with the rank of sergeant. He is unmarried, and since 1939 has been associated with his father in the insurance business. He is a member of the An-



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cient Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 158, the Lions, the Elks and Veterans of Foreign Wars. 2. Sara Ann Chandler, born July 23, 1918. She graduated from Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 1939; married William B. Badger, and they have one child, Ann Belle. 3. John Roland Chandler, born March 27, 1921. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Virginia, June 14, 1948. He served as a sergeant in the United States Army Air Corps for three years during World War II. He is unmarried and is now associated with his father in the insurance business. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 158. 4. William Hogg Chandler, born June 7, 1923, attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and is a member of Chesapeake Lodge No. 158, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He served during World War II in the Medical Corps of the First Army under General Hodges and saw action at the Battle of the Bulge, South Germany, and at the Remagen Bridge, which his unit crossed. He was wounded twice and received the Purple Heart with cluster and the Bronze Star Medal for gallantry. After serving two and a half years he was discharged with the rank of corporal. He married Cora Mapp on August 7, 1948, and is now associated with his father in the insurance business. He is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**JAMES WHILDEN HUGHES**—A varied professional career has been that of James Whilden Hughes. He has been a successful veterinarian, attorney and publisher. In addition, he has behind him an enviable political record in the state senate. Such varied attainments will make his career one of lasting interest in the annals of his state.

Mr. Hughes was born in Washington, D. C., July 22, 1898, the son of George Bond and Mary (Robinson) Hughes. His father, an electrician, was a native Washingtonian, and his mother a native of Ireland. Mr. Hughes was educated in the public schools of Prince Georges County, Maryland. He attended Maryland Agricultural College for two years and entered the United States College of Veterinary Surgeons in Washington, graduating there in June, 1918, with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Until 1929, he practiced veterinary medicine at Ammdendale, Prince Georges County. While thus engaged, however, Dr. Hughes was laying the foundation for yet another distinct professional career. For concurrently with his practice, Dr. Hughes was attending Washington College, Washington, D. C., pursuing night courses leading to a degree in law. It was in 1928 that he received his Bachelor of Laws degree, and he moved in 1929 to Elkton, continuing his legal practice there until the present time.

In 1942 a successful political career was launched when James Whilden Hughes was elected state senator, serving two regular sessions, or one term. During this time he was active on the Judiciary Procedure Committee.

Yet another activity was added to an already full measure of service, for in 1947 Dr. Hughes became president of the Cecil Whig Publishing Company, publishers of one of the Eastern Shore's oldest newspapers. He is also on the advisory board of Dr. Charles B. Clark's historical work, "The Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia." He is a director of the Cecil County Mutual Building Association, and attorney for the National Bank of the Northeast.

He holds membership in the bar associations of

Cecil County, and of the State of Maryland, as well as in the American Bar Association. His religious affiliation is with the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

On December 21, 1930, James Whilden Hughes married Gertrude Ruth Tyrell. Though a native of Battle Creek, Michigan, Miss Tyrell had resided in Washington, D. C., for some time prior to their marriage. They are a couple prominent in the social life of Maryland.

**ARGUS FRANKLIN ROBINSON**—The cashier of the People's Bank of Elkton has been active in the business life of that community for a number of years, and in addition to his devoted service to the bank has affiliated himself with other enterprises.

Mr. Robinson's father, Samuel Franklin Robinson, was a native of Ohio and a carpenter. He married Anna Elizabeth Taylor, a native of Kent County, Maryland, and they became the parents of five children: 1. Fred Taylor Robinson, now deceased. 2. Jessie, who married Romie Patrick. 3. Robert Alexander. 4. Cecil Almun. 5. Argus Franklin.

Argus Franklin Robinson was born at Chestertown, Maryland, September 30, 1900. He attended the public schools there and graduated from high school in 1917. His first commercial experience was gained working in stores during summer vacations. He attended Beacom Business College in Wilmington, Delaware, and on his return to Chestertown became bookkeeper in the Kent County Savings Bank, holding this position until 1924. In that year he moved to Elkton to assume the duties of cashier in the People's Bank there, and that position he has retained to the present time. He is now a director of the bank, and is active in the Maryland Bankers Association, having been chairman of group Three, several terms. He is also a graduate of the American Institute of Banking.

Mr. Robinson's interests have extended to other activities, and he is the promoter of Elkside, a residential development. He is likewise the operator of the Elk Studio in Elkton, engaged in collecting and distribution of colored Kodachrome slides. These slides he has distributed all over the world.

Mr. Robinson is a Mason, and attends the Methodist Church.

At Chestertown, on April 3, 1920, Argus Franklin Robinson married Laura Rebecca Storke, a native of that place. They are the parents of two children: 1. Doris Ellen, who married George William Bollinger, now of Dayton, Ohio; they have a daughter, Patricia Lynn. 2. Kathryn Elizabeth, who married Carl A. Hoey, now of Wilmington, Delaware; they are the parents of three children, Richard, Barbara and Robert.

**RICHARD CHRISTOPHER DODSON, M.D.**—A practicing physician and surgeon at Rising Sun, Maryland, for more than three score years, Dr. Richard Christopher Dodson ranks as one of the better obstetricians of Cecil County. Since 1920 he has been chief of the Obstetrical Department of the Union Hospital at Elkton, and he is, currently, deputy medical examiner for the county.

His paternal ancestor Thomas Dodson, I, was born at Knaresborough, Yorkshire, October 19, 1669, the son of Daniel and Susannah Dodson, and came to Colonial America from England in 1677, to settle at Burlington, in West Jersey. He was brought to that Quaker village by his older brother and sister, John



and Mary, and there he remained until his marriage, in his twenty-ninth year, to Katharine, daughter of John Savill of Snape, England, whereupon he removed to and settled in Talbot County, Maryland. Thomas' son Robert Dodson, I, was born in Talbot County in 1700, and remained a resident there throughout his life, having married Mary Brumell on August 18, 1727. Robert's son Thomas Dodson, II, born in 1728, was a prominent resident of Talbot County, where he was a leader in civic and in church matters. He married in 1756, Esther Skinner, and among their six children was Robert Dodson, II, born December 6, 1762. Robert, II promoted schools, served as a commissioner of the town of St. Michaels, owned a farm and dealt in real estate, and operated a freight and passenger service by boat between St. Michaels and Baltimore. During the War of 1812 he supplied arms to the local citizenry and outfitted one of his vessels as a guard ship. He died April 10, 1824, and lies buried in the Old Methodist Cemetery at St. Michaels. He had married on January 7, 1785, Elizabeth Auld. Among their nine children was Robert Dodson, III, the fifth child, born April 20, 1796, who moved from St. Michaels to the city of Baltimore. He married Susan Lambdin, and had issue, of three children, of whom George Washington Dodson was born May 3, 1839. A lifelong resident of Baltimore, he married Sarah Elizabeth Casey and had issue seven children. Among these seven was John Robert Dodson, born October 22, 1864. He was a farmer until his retirement at the age of sixty-five, and he married Elizabeth Seling on April 12, 1886.

Dr. Richard Christopher Dodson was born October 22, 1887, at Rossville in Baltimore County, the son of John Robert and Elizabeth (Seling) Dodson. He attended the public schools of Baltimore County, and Loyola College. He then entered the Medical School of the University of Maryland, graduating in 1911 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For the four ensuing years he was connected with the Atlantic Coast-line Railroad Hospital in Georgia. In January, 1916 he entered upon private practice, continuing only until he joined the Medical Corps of the United States Army as a first lieutenant, for service in World War I. At the close of the conflict he was discharged in the rank of captain, and returned to his practice at Rising Sun, where he has since remained. He is on the staff of the Union Hospital at Elkton and, as has been stated, since 1920 he has served in the capacity of chief obstetrician. During World War II he was assistant medical director for the Triumph Explosive Company of Elkton, and he has been school physician for the West Nottingham Academy since 1940. He is deputy medical examiner for Cecil County, as well.

Dr. Dodson is a Fellow of the American Medical Association. He is a member of the Southern Medical Association, of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, and of the Cecil County Medical Society, which he serves as secretary. Among non-professional affiliations, he is a member of the Lions Club, the American Legion, and the Sportsman Club.

He married, June 30, 1932, Annie Caddall Dunn, daughter of Connally Litchfield and Cornelia McChesney (Haney) Dunn, granddaughter of Dr. Connally L. and Hattie A. (Hammett) Dunn, and a descendant of Robert Dunn who settled in Kent County, Maryland, about the year 1649. Dr. Dunn was born in Abingdon, Virginia, September 23, 1853. He was graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School, and practiced his healing art in Virginia,

Texas, and Kansas; being resident at Medicine Lodge, Kansas, at the time of his death on March 17, 1888. Connally Litchfield Dunn was born November 8, 1880, at Alum Creek, Texas, and was a realtor at Abingdon, Virginia. Annie Caddall (Dunn) Dodson attended Stonewall Jackson College and Emory and Henry College, and taught school for a brief period. Dr. and Mrs. Dodson have but one son, Richard Connally Dunn, born May 20, 1933.

**HENRY HOOPER MITCHELL**—After enjoying to the full a varied and colorful business career, throwing his energies into a large number of enterprises over the course of the years, Henry Hooper Mitchell became, in 1935, the mayor of Elkton, and has been re-elected each term since.

Mayor Mitchell was born on a farm near Elkton on December 4, 1884. His parents were William Arthur and Mary Elizabeth (Walmsley) Mitchell, the father a farmer and native of Cecil County.

As a boy Henry Hooper Mitchell attended country school, then Elkton High School from which he graduated in 1900. He then went to Wilmington, where for one year he attended Goldey Business College. Demonstrating typical youthful enthusiasm for travel, he moved thereafter to New Haven, working there in the office of the New Haven Railroad until October, 1903. He was back in Wilmington at the Security Trust Company until 1907, but retraced his steps northward, and spent one year in New York City in the car service department of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Returning at last to his native town of Elkton, he made a far from inconspicuous re-entry into its life by buying the Mitchell Ice Company and going into business for himself. Subsequently he entered the livery business in Elkton, remaining there until 1914, when he joined the duPont Company in Wilmington as accountant.

Returning to Elkton in 1919, he launched into the manufacture of ice and ice cream, the corporate title of the enterprise being Mitchell Ice Cream Company. In 1930 he sold this business to Abbott's Dairies, Incorporated, of Philadelphia, but has retained managership. In 1928 he turned his energies to another interest: that of asparagus growing, operating his own farm. He became the owner, in 1937, of a summer resort, Holloway Beach, maintaining a dance hall and amusement concessions in addition to the bathing facilities.

Mayor Mitchell is a Democrat, and it was on the ticket of this party that he was elected to his present post in 1935, being re-elected each succeeding two-year period. He is a member of the League of Municipal Administrators, is an Odd Fellow, and a Kiwanian, and his religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church.

On July 30, 1910, at Philadelphia, Henry Hooper Mitchell married Anna Sommers Hague of Elkton. She is active in church work.

**GARRETT AMOS ALLENDER**—From a prominent position in business leadership in his home town of Elkton, Garrett Amos Allender has been elevated to the presidency of the Chamber of Commerce of that community.

He was born December 6, 1891, near Bel Air, the son of James and Charlotte (Cloman) Allender. The father was a farmer, and both parents were natives of Maryland.

Educated in the public schools until 1906, Garrett





W. H. Leonard



Allender's education was interrupted when he went to Still Pond to work for his brother Paul in a flour mill. In 1908 he moved to Jerusalem, Maryland, being employed as a miller there until 1911. Subsequently he continued the same work in Whitehall. Moving to Elkton in 1915, he established with his brother the G. A. Allender and Brother Milling Company. The organization continued under this name until 1923, when Garrett Allender bought his brother's interest, and it became the Elkton Feed Mill. This is the business foundation on which the career of Mr. Allender began. The responsibility of additional connections came with the years. For over ten years he has been a director of the Elkton Banking and Trust Company, and is owner of the James F. Powers Foundry, and has other business interests. His connection with the Elkton Chamber of Commerce is one of long standing, and his presidency of that organization is a recognition of his leadership in the business circles of his community. He is a Methodist and a Democrat.

At Wiseburg, on June 6, 1914, Garrett Amos Allender married Clara Elizabeth Talbot, who was born in Baltimore County, February 18, 1889. An accomplished musician, Mrs. Allender served for some years as organist in the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Allender became the parents of four children: 1. Genevieve Maxine, who married James Naylor; they are the parents of three children. 2. Dorothy Louella, who married Lee Davis; they have two children, Garrett and Arline. 3. Jeanette, who died at the age of eight. 4. Martha Virginia, now a journalism student at the University of Maryland.

**WILLIAM H. LEONARD** has gained prominence in various phases of the business life of Cambridge throughout his years of activity in mercantile trade, food retailing, real estate, and timber enterprises and, most conspicuously in recent years, in the canning industry. He heads the firm of William H. Leonard and Son.

He is the son of Levi B. and Lucy C. (Shenton) Leonard, the mother being a native of Calvert County. Levi Leonard was a farmer, and waterman resident on James Island, and it was there that William H. Leonard was born on February 6, 1874. He received his education in the public schools. His occupations during the first forty years of his life centered around the water. Beginning as an oysterman, he later became a dealer in oysters, thus gaining early and invaluable mercantile experience. The prospects of the trade held his interests thereafter, and coming to Cambridge in 1914, he opened a large modern grocery on Choptank Street. His business venture was accorded the custom of the people of the town and, succeeding well, Mr. Leonard extended his interests to include real estate. He acquired a considerable number of properties in Cambridge and Dorchester County, which were managed with his usual good judgment. In the meantime, he had not lost entirely his contact with the activities of the Bay, having an interest in seventeen vessels carrying on commerce on those waters.

In 1941 Mr. Leonard sold his store to devote his interests to the canning business. This industry he had entered first in 1930, and its success had been sufficiently auspicious to merit his full attention. His first full-time affiliation with the industry was as a member of the firm of Leonard and Dean, which operated canning factories at Salem and Little Black Water. Acquiring the chief interest in this enterprise,

Mr. Leonard took his son, Charles E., into the business in 1941, and the firm name was changed to William H. Leonard and Son. It retains this name and management to the present.

Mr. Leonard has disposed of his boat interest, but retains large real estate and timber holdings. He is a director of the Peoples Loan, Savings and Deposit Bank of Cambridge, and his directorship of the Cambridge Hospital is of seventeen year's duration.

Active in the councils of the Republican party, he has served as chairman of the Central Committee for several years, and was recently appointed an indexer by Governor Goldsborough. Of Catholic faith, he is a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Cambridge, and has given this church his loyal service for over forty years as a trustee. He is a member of the Holy Name Society, and was active in the Knights of Columbus when that organization had a chapter in Cambridge. Mr. Leonard's favorite sport is gunning, and he is especially fond of duck hunting.

On May 11, 1898, William H. Leonard married Mattie F. Dean, of Golden Hill, Maryland, daughter of Captain W. H. and Lavinia (Dunnoch) Dean, residents of Meekins Neck. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard became the parents of four children: 1. William H., Jr., of whom a biographical sketch is to be found in this volume. 2. Agnes, who died at the age of thirty-five. She was married to Reginald Maguire, and the mother of two children, Reginald, and Patricia. 3. Charles Edward. Born in Cambridge, May 24, 1907, he was educated in the public schools there, and has been associated with his father all of his business life. He married on November 10, 1940, Alma Diskau of Cambridge, daughter of Frank Diskau, and they are the parents of one child, Agnes Cecelia. 4. Joseph Francis, who was born March 15, 1915. Although deaf, he has not let this handicap interfere with his education, having attended the St. Francis Xavier School, and Frederick Stubb School, and continued his education at St. Rita's School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**JAMES HERBERT BATES, M. D.**—One of the leaders in the practice of medicine and surgery in Maryland is Dr. James Herbert Bates. He is also outstanding in professional circles of Elkton, the community where he makes his home.

Dr. Bates was born September 18, 1884 in Baltimore, the son of Joshua Atkinson and Emma Virginia (Register) Bates. They were natives of Baltimore and Mr. Bates was the founder and operator of the James Bates and Sons Elevator and Foundry Company. Mr. and Mrs. Bates were the parents of six children: 1. Joshua Atkinson, Jr. 2. Clarence Wilson. 3. Elsie Register, who married James D. Cook. 4. James Herbert. 5. Emma Virginia, who married Frank D. Rutter. 6. Robert Whitney who died in infancy. The Bates family were prominent in Baltimore, while the Registers had had a long and honorable history in the state of Virginia.

Dr. James Herbert Bates began his education in the public schools and at Baltimore City College. He then entered the University of Maryland, taking his degree of Doctor of Medicine there in 1907. He served a year's internship at Church Home Infirmary, now the Church Home and Hospital, in Baltimore, and began his practice of medicine in that city, remaining there until 1920. He then moved to Elkton where he became one of the leading physicians and surgeons. He is on the staff of the Church Home and Hospital of Baltimore, and chief of staff of the

Union Hospital at Elkton. He has served on a number of other professional posts, being assistant director of the Triumph Explosive Company medical staff, and physician for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company and the Bell Telephone Company. He serves several industrial plants in similar capacities.

Dr. Bates has advanced his professional education with postgraduate study at Johns Hopkins University and later by taking training in industrial medicine at the Hopkins School of Public Hygiene.

As active in professional organizations as in his medical and surgical practice, Dr. Bates is a member and past president of the Cecil County Medical Society, and is vice president of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland. He is a member of the American Association of Physicians, the American Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, the Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons, and the Delaware Academy of Medicine. He finds time apart from his professional connections to participate in the activities of the Masonic Order being a member of Union Lodge Number 47. He is also an Odd Fellow. Dr. Bates was one of the organizers and charter member of the Elkton Rotary Club, and is a member of the Methodist Church.

On June 22, 1910, Dr. James Herbert Bates married Nan Steele Sterne. A native of Greensboro, North Carolina, she was a graduate of Greensboro College for Women and of the Union Memorial Hospital of Baltimore, as a nurse. Dr. and Mrs. Bates have two children: 1. Margaret Nancy, a graduate of Duke University, married Henry Clark Gillies, Jr.; they in turn have two children, Henry Clark, III, and Herbert Bates. 2. James Herbert, Jr., a veteran of World War II who served with General Patton's Third Army; he is now a premedical student at Dickinson College.

**ALEXANDER PARKS RASIN, JR.**, state attorney for Kent County, is the descendant on both paternal and maternal sides of the family of pioneers of the Eastern Shore, and as an energetic attorney and member of many local organizations, he is doing his share to keep up his family's tradition of contributing to the community welfare.

He was born at Chestertown on September 9, 1911, the son of Alexander Parks and Katherine Adele (Catlin) Rasin. Alexander Parks Rasin, Sr., is a native of Kent County. He started his career with the People's Bank of Chestertown, of which he was for some time the cashier; later, from 1915 to 1921 he held the office of clerk of Kent County. He served for over a year as acting Collector of Internal Revenue for the Baltimore Office, which is one of the larger offices, and is now serving in the Department of Internal Revenue. Katherine Adele (Catlin) Rasin is a native of Queen Annes County, and the Catlins, like the Rasin family, settled on the Eastern Shore as pioneers in the early days. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Parks Rasin, Sr., are the parents of three children: 1. Margaret Elizabeth, who married Theodore R. Bachman. 2. Lucile, who married Peter G. Meek; they have two children, Susan and Katherine. 3. Alexander Parks, Jr.

Alexander Parks Rasin, Jr., attended the Chestertown public schools and graduated from Chestertown High School in 1928. While in high school he played

on the soccer and baseball teams and in the summers worked at odd jobs to make some money and gain experience. He then entered Washington College and graduated in the class of 1932, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. During the summers of his college career he worked on tramp steamers, making trips to both South America and Europe. He was a member of Phi Sigma Phi fraternity at Washington College. In 1933 he took a business course at the Young Men's Christian Association business college in Baltimore and entered the employ of the American Oil Company as a secretary. Two years later, having made up his mind to study law, he began to attend night classes in the Law College of the University of Maryland. While studying law at night, he also worked for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. In 1939 he graduated from the Maryland University Law College with the degree of Bachelor of Laws and in January, 1941, was admitted to the Maryland bar. He returned to Chestertown in October, 1941, and set up in private practice. Hardly had he begun to build up a clientele, however, when World War II broke out. In October, 1943 he entered the United States Army and was overseas for about two years with the Eighty-fifth Division of the 5th Army, before receiving his discharge on December 2, 1945. He then returned to Chestertown and re-entered private practice. A Republican by political affiliation, Mr. Rasin has served on the State Central committee of the state party organization, and been otherwise active in political affairs. In November, 1946 he was elected to the office of state attorney for Kent County, a post he still holds. He is a member of the board of directors of the Kent and Queen Annes General Hospital. Mr. Rasin is a director of the People's Bank of Chestertown, a member of the Rotary Club, the American Legion, and the Free and Accepted Masons. He belongs to the Episcopal Church. Socially, he is a member and director of Chester River Yacht and Country Club.

He married, on July 15, 1939, Henrietta Bowen, a native of Queen Annes County, who had attended Washington College. Mr. and Mrs. Rasin have two children: Alexander Parks, III, and Martha.

**JOSEPH MATHIAS GEORGE** was born in Sudlersville, Queen Annes County, October 12, 1888, the son of John Elliott and Elvira (Anderson) George, and the descendant of forebears who for several generations had contributed much to the life of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Mr. George's great-great-grandfather, Joseph George, the Maryland progenitor of the George family, which is of English ancestry, moved from Pennsylvania to Queen Annes County, Maryland, where he owned and operated several farms and mills. Mathias George, son of Joseph George, was born in 1801. He was a farmer, a member of the Society of Friends, and an active member of the Whig party. From 1839 to 1845, he was a member of the Lower House of the Maryland General Assembly, and from 1845 to 1851, a member of the State Senate, making twelve consecutive years in which he represented the Whig party in the General Assembly. In 1862 he was elected county commissioner for Queen Annes County and served one term. He married (first) Martha Elliott, by whom he was the father of Joseph Edwin George, grandfather of Joseph Mathias George. Joseph Edwin George was a successful farmer and dealer in grain,





Joseph M. George





coal, fertilizers, and farm implements; he became one of the largest landowners in the county, possessing thirty-five farms besides his valuable homestead. According to "Men of Mark in Maryland," he "combined the occupations of merchant and farmer; was a prominent citizen, served as judge of orphans' court; was an energetic man, enterprising and successful in business." He was the first president of the Sudlersville Bank after its organization in 1904.

John Elliott George, "one of the most prominent and most liked citizens of Queen Annes County," and the father of Joseph Mathias George, was born in Sudlersville, July 23, 1859, the son of Joseph Edwin and Martha (Neal) George. As a boy he had been initiated into his father's office, and in 1881, he entered into a partnership with his brother-in-law, James Merrick, Jr., taking over the business. John Elliott George was a successful farmer, banker, business man and was one of the early breeders of fine dairy cattle in his area. He also was very active in public life. For many years he was chairman of the Democratic state central committee, and influential in political circles within the state. He was one of the original incorporators of his native town of Sudlersville and served as president of the town board. He was also founder and a president of the Sudlersville Bank of Maryland. In Queen Annes County, he served as one of the county commissioners and also as treasurer, and later as president of the board of county commissioners. For some years he was clerk of the Circuit Court of the county. In 1919 he was appointed the first Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of Maryland, and later was assistant to the chairman of the Maryland State Roads Commission, a position he held at the time of his death in November, 1918. He married Elvira Anderson of Sudlersville in 1881, and they had three children: Elsie L., Joseph M. and M. Madeleine.

Joseph Mathias George attended the local schools at Sudlersville, and Tome School at Port Deposit. When he was twenty he started in business in Sudlersville, and from 1908 to 1912 operated an automobile sales agency. This was the early period of the automobile industry, and he received the second motor vehicle operator's license ever issued in Maryland; his father having received the first.

From 1912 to 1919, Mr. George was a partner with his father in the canning business. He then operated an electrical and general contracting firm under the name of the Sudlersville Supply Company until 1934, when he built a small grain elevator in Sudlersville. The grain and feed business grew so rapidly that he decided to dispose of the other lines. In 1941 he formed an active partnership with his wife, Lilian (Nelson) George, and their son, John Elliott George, II, and they have rapidly expanded the grain and feed business until it is one of the largest on the Eastern Shore, with plants at Sudlersville and Massey. The present plant has a storage capacity of some seventy-five thousand bushels of small grains, and about a thousand tons of feed and feed ingredients. It is highly mechanized and all of the equipment is the latest and best available. "Service" is Mr. George's byword, and he attributes the phenomenal success of his business to conscientious personal service and courtesy to individual customers.

In 1912 Mr. George had started a fire insurance agency in Sudlersville, and he now represents ten companies in the fire and casualty fields, conducting this business as a substantial side line. He also owns several large farms in the neighborhood of Sudlers-

ville and for many years has taken a deep interest in agriculture.

But it is in the realm of public service that Mr. George has been most active aside from his business. For thirty-three consecutive years he has served as town commissioner of Sudlersville, and for the past twenty-five years has been president of the town board. During his regime all of the town streets have been paved and well-lighted, a public library and many other improvements have been established, and, at the same time, one of the lowest tax rates in the entire state has been maintained.

While still a young man, Mr. George was appointed Journal Clerk of the Maryland State Senate, and served in this position from 1908 to 1922. From this legislative experience he became interested in good government and fiscal management. He developed a background of legal knowledge and procedure which helped to shape his future and create an outstanding record of public service which has brought him high prestige throughout the state.

In 1934 Mr. George was elected county commissioner of Queen Annes County and served eight years in that capacity. For four years he was president of the board, being the fourth generation of his family to fill that position. During this period Queen Annes County paid off all its debt and set up a new tax plan. With this record behind him, Mr. George was elected state senator in 1942, and re-elected in 1946 by a large majority. He has been recognized as the Democratic party leader of Queen Annes County for a number of years, and has taken an active part in the party councils of the State.

During his first term as state senator, Mr. George was appointed a member of the Legislative Council by Governor Herbert R. O'Connor, and was re-appointed by Governor William Preston Lane, Jr., for a second term. He served on many important committees in the Maryland Senate, where his judgment and experience were highly regarded. After it was decided to expand the Maryland highway system, under a two hundred million dollar construction program, and to build a bridge or tunnel across Chesapeake Bay, he was asked to serve as a member of the Maryland State Roads Commission, and he assumed the duties of that office in December, 1947.

Mr. George is a member and a trustee of Calvary Assembly Methodist Church of Sudlersville, and a member of the Sudlersville Lions Club. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, and Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and he is a member of Camp Twenty-nine, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America.

Mr. George's hobbies are traveling and skeet shooting. His wide tours have carried him through every state in the Union, and to Alaska, Canada and Mexico as well as many foreign countries, including Palestine and Egypt. Regarding travel as an educational experience, he has always brought home a wealth of information pertaining to the customs and history of the places he visited.

He is a nationally known sportsman, holding many national and state championship shooting titles and also two world records, as well as having been selected on the All-American Skeet Team by the National Association and on the All-Arabian Skeet Team of Southern California. His collection of more than seven hundred trophies in shooting competitions from coast to coast is believed to be one of the largest in-

dividual collections of trophies in the United States. He has even appeared in Ripley's "Believe It Or Not," for trick shooting.

Joseph Mathias George married Lillian May Nelson, the daughter of John and Lillian (Dix) Nelson, in Baltimore, on June 29, 1910. They have two children: John Elliott George, II, who is associated with his parents in the grain and feed business in Sudlersville, and Joseph Mathias George, Jr., M.D., a flight surgeon and captain in the United States Army Air Forces during World War II, and who is now a practicing physician and surgeon in Las Vegas, Nevada. There are also six grandchildren: John E., III, Lucy W., Margaret Ann, Patricia H., Joseph M., III, and Lillian Grace George.

In his sixty crowded years, Mr. George has found time to achieve success in varied fields, and to serve his community and his state with distinction.

**AUSTIN PARRISH WHEELER**—Active in a number of enterprises in Elkton, Austin Parrish Wheeler has gained recognition as well in his civic work.

Born on a farm near Blackhorse, Maryland, on December 16, 1901, Mr. Wheeler was the son of James Austin and Lillian Edna (Parrish) Wheeler. Both were natives of Maryland, and the father was a farmer and later a business man.

Austin Parrish Wheeler attended country schools, and high school in Bel Air, and in 1918 entered Washington College, graduating in 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Summer work during the college years took him to Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, following the wheat harvest. However, at the completion of his course of education, he began work for Westinghouse Electric Company, in charge of the toolroom. He entered Johns Hopkins University that fall, but left to begin teaching school. He taught at Emmittsburg High School for a period of one year, and the next summer entered Columbia University, working toward his Master of Science degree. Subsequently he was principal for one year in Nanticoke, and the next two years vice principal of Wicomico High School at Salisbury. He became principal at Cokeysville Consolidated High School in Baltimore County, then went to the Randallstown High School, also as principal. He completed work at Columbia University and received his Master's degree, while at the Randallstown post. In 1931 he went to Sparks High School as principal, then after one year accepted a position at Sparrows Point until 1940. Moving then to Elkton, he bought there a florist business, which he has operated under the name of the Elkton Florist, until the present time. In 1944 he bought the Elkton Stationery Store, operating it for two years. He opened, in the fall of 1947, the Elkton Frozen Food and Locker Plant. He was formerly a member of the Maryland State Teachers Association, and of the National Education Association. For some time a director of the Elkton Chamber of Commerce, he later became president of that body. He is a Mason, and member of the Rotary Club. His church is the Methodist.

Mr. Wheeler served in World War I as a member of the Student Army Training Corps at Washington College. During World War II he was on a number of war committees.

Austin Parrish Wheeler married, October 11, 1924, Miriam Louise Leaverton of Kent County, Maryland. She is a graduate of Washington College, and has

been active with her husband in the florist business. They are the parents of two children: 1. Phyllis Eugenia, born January 24, 1929, now attending Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia. 2. Betty Leaverton, born January 9, 1932, a student of the University of Vermont.

**RALPH RUTTER CROTHERS**, clerk of Cecil County, was born January 3, 1899, near Calvert, in Cecil County, the son of John Edward Crothers. He was educated in the county schools and the Calvert Agricultural High School, and before taking further training, entered the employ of E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company at Haskell, New Jersey. After a time he entered the University of Delaware. He became active in the Student Army Training Corps at the University and in 1918 was inducted into the United States Army for service during World War I. After his discharge Mr. Crothers accepted a position with the du Pont Engineering Company at Pontiac, Michigan, and while filling this position studied during his spare time, taking extension work with the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pennsylvania, in civil engineering. After passing the necessary examination he became a licensed civil engineer in Maryland. He then worked for the Virginia Highway Department until 1924, when he went to Miami, Florida, and worked as civil engineer for the city of Coral Gables, and later for the city of Miami. He then spent a year in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Philadelphia, and two years with the Pennsylvania State Highway Department. In 1932, with this wealth of experience behind him, he returned to Elkton, where he became city engineer, a post he held for eight years. In 1940 he accepted a position with the Triumph Explosive Company as engineer. Two years later, in 1942, he was elected county clerk of Cecil County, and has since been re-elected and holds this post at the present time. Mr. Crothers is a member of the American Legion, and fraternally, is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons.

He married, on June 27, 1932, Ethel Ranck, a native of Honeybrook in Chester County. Mr. and Mrs. Crothers have one daughter, Phyllis Jean, born November 2, 1943.

**WILLIAM F. TOADVINE** has been in the automobile business in Salisbury for more than twenty years, and in 1947 moved to his own building on Route 13, on the outskirts of Salisbury, where he has an entire block and twenty-seven thousand, two hundred and forty square feet of floor space. In addition to his automobile agency Mr. Toadvine handles the Massey-Harris farm tractor and farm equipment.

He was born November 5, 1902 in Wicomico County, the son of William J. and Clara (Brown) Toadvine. His father was a farmer of Wicomico County who had previously been in the mill and lumber business.

William F. Toadvine attended the elementary schools of Salisbury and Salisbury High School, after which he took a commercial course in the Beacom Business College of Salisbury. He then entered the employ of the Smith & Williams Company, shipbuilders in Salisbury, as timekeeper and stock-room clerk. After about two years with this firm, he made his first contact with the automobile business, becoming a salesman for the Gumby Motor





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Company in Salisbury, which had the Dodge agency and was selling Dodge motorcars and trucks. He remained with this concern for the five years from 1925 to 1930, and in the latter year formed a partnership with Leighton W. Moor, taking the agency for the Graham-Paige automobile which was later known as Graham. Since the two partners had little money and were unable to finance the purchasing of automobiles, W. C. Cole, the distributor in Baltimore, put cars on the floor of their showroom for three months in order to get them started. This partnership lasted until 1935, when it was dissolved. Mr. Toadvine then took over the agency for Dodge and Plymouth automobiles and trucks, leasing a building from the L. W. Grumby Company near the Armory, and continued to do business in this location until 1947. In that year he moved to his own building on Route 13 on the edge of town, where he has forty men in his employ. The Massey-Harris farm tractor and farm equipment are handled by Mr. Toadvine in addition to his automobile agency.

Faternally Mr. Toadvine is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is an active member of the Bethesda Methodist Church, serving as church treasurer and a member of the official board.

Mr. Toadvine married at Pittsville on May 24, 1924, Laura Ellen Farlow, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Mr. Baxley. Mrs. Toadvine is the daughter of Stansbury W. and Rosa (Parker) Farlow, her father being a judge of the orphans court of Wicomico County and also a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Toadvine have one child, W. Richard Toadvine, born June 30, 1930. He married Myrtle Brunley.

**JOHN WESLEY MCCOOL**—A man who, by his own efforts, has risen to a position of prominence and success in his chosen business, is John W. McCool, contractor, of Elkton.

Mr. McCool was born on a farm, the son of John Wesley and Lavina (Sartin) McCool. Both were natives of Cecil County, and they became the parents of four children: Elizabeth, who married George Barr, Samuel Thomas, John Wesley, and George Washington who died at the age of sixty-one.

John Wesley McCool was born at the family place near Blackburg Forest, October 16, 1879. He attended country schools and Elkton High School. Remaining on his father's farm until 1901, he then left home and began farming for himself, continuing in this occupation until 1916. In that year he moved to Elkton and entered the contracting business.

Success attended this change from agricultural to commercial pursuits, and Mr. McCool is now president of the Newark Concrete Company, and vice president of the Waller Paving Company.

His business success served as a foundation for numerous other activities in which he has become engaged throughout the years. He is the owner of valuable business property in Elkton, and has participated in the civic life of that community by serving as trustee, as vice president, and as president of the almshouse. A Republican in politics, he has served for twelve years on the state central committee.

Mr. McCool has likewise devoted some of his energies to historical and literary interests. He has long been active in the Cecil County Historical Society, and was appointed librarian for the state of Maryland from 1935 to 1939. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

On April 10, 1901, John Wesley McCool was married to Etta Jane Jones, a native of Cecil County whose family were descendants of early pioneers. To Mr. and Mrs. McCool were born five children: 1. Grace Hilda, who married Tobias Rudolph, III; they are the parents of two daughters: Mary Etta, a student at Goucher College, and Sarah Jane. 2. John Morris; he married Lavinia Mendenhall, and they had three children: James Hamer, killed in action in Germany in World War II, Nancy who married Frank McMillan, and William McCool. 3. Elizabeth, who married Dr. Francis G. Miller; they have two sons, Francis Grove, Jr., and John Charles Miller. 4. Margaret, who married Abram Mendenhall; they became the parents of two children, Abram, Jr., and Angelina. After the death of Mr. Mendenhall, she married C. C. Short. 5. Clara Naomi, who married Eugene Thornton, Jr; they have two children, Louise and Sally.

**JUDGE JAMES WEINROTH**—As trial magistrate, and as attorney practicing in Elkton, James Weinroth has combined legal talent with conscientious public service.

He was born May 30, 1907 in Philadelphia, his father being a native of Vishnovitz, Russia, and a naturalized American citizen. Joseph Weinroth had served three years in the Russian Army, and when about twenty-one came to America. He was a merchant in Philadelphia, later moving to Cecilton, Maryland, where he operated a general store. His wife was Sara Somerson.

James Weinroth, after graduation from George Biddle High School in Cecilton, Maryland, entered the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, taking his degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics in 1927. In 1933 he received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Temple University, and was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar, practicing in that state until April, 1935. At that time, being admitted to the Maryland Bar Association, he moved his law office to Cecilton, and later to Elkton.

In April, 1941, he was appointed trial magistrate to fill an unexpired term, and the next month was appointed for a full term by Governor O'Connor. He has received reappointment each two years since. He retains his private practice in Cecilton, as well as his office in the courthouse at Elkton. He holds membership in the county and state bar associations.

During World War II he was chairman of the Cecil County Salvage Committee, and also appeal agent for local selective service board. He has served as attorney for both Cecilton and for Chesapeake City.

Judge Weinroth is a Mason and a Shriner, being a member of Boumi Temple of Baltimore. He is also active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically, he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Synagogue.

On April 14, 1935, at Philadelphia, James Weinroth married Sylvia Rosenthal. They are the parents of two children: 1. George Jay, born December 18, 1936. 2. Myra Rochelle, born February 26, 1944.

**AMBROSE MARKLEY BALL** owns and operates the George Washington Hotel in Ocean City, which is open from May 15 until September each year, and he also owns and operates the Robert Whitney Hotel at Bradenton, Florida. Mr. Ball, in association with



H. H. Granger, is in business in Salisbury, this firm of expert accountants having offices at 210 North Division Street. Mr. Ball has made his home in Salisbury since November, 1923.

He was born July 12, 1890 in Lacrosse, Kansas, the son of Charles A. and Ella K. Ball, both now deceased. His father was in the hardware business at Highland, Kansas.

Ambrose Markley Ball attended elementary and high school at Enterprise, Kansas. He also studied at the Mechanics Institute at Rochester, New York, and took the Pace & Pace Accounting Course in Baltimore. After leaving school he became associated with Alonzo Lee Miles of Baltimore in 1920, in the capacity of accountant. Since he was handling business which Mr. Miles had on the Eastern Shore he moved to Salisbury in 1923 and has lived there ever since. In 1928 Mr. Miles formed an association with F. W. Lafentz & Company in Salisbury, and Mr. Ball remained with this firm until 1944, when he went into business for himself. The following year he became associated with H. H. Granger, the two men doing business as expert accountants with offices on North Division Street. Mr. Ball owns and operates the George Washington Hotel on the boardwalk in Ocean City, which he purchased in 1940. This hotel has one hundred and fifty rooms and is open from May 15 until September. Mr. Ball also owns and operates the year-round Robert Whitney Hotel with ninety rooms at Bradenton, Florida. This hotel has a splendid location one block from the Manatee River and one block from the Tamiami Trail. Mr. Ball is affiliated fraternally with all the various bodies of the Free and Accepted Masons, being a Thirty-second degree Mason. He is a member of the Asbury Methodist Church. During World War I he served in the Ordnance Department and Finance Division Store Section of the United States Army in Baltimore and Edgewood Arsenal.

He married in Lewes, Delaware, on June 15, 1939, Thelma Bonniwell, the daughter of Samuel S. and Marion M. Bonniwell, her father being a storekeeper and postmaster in Accomac County, Virginia. Mr. Ball has two sons: 1. Donald L., born in Baltimore, on October 25, 1922, who graduated in 1948 from the University of Richmond. 2. Dale A., born January 15, 1926 at Salisbury, now a student at the University of Richmond. Donald L. Ball served in the United States Navy during World War II, with the rank of lieutenant junior grade on L.C.S. 85. His craft served with destroyers on antiaircraft patrol operations, and he saw action at Okinawa and in the Philippines, serving from July 1, 1943 to July 24, 1946. Dale A. Ball qualified as a pilot in the United States Army Air Forces and was stationed at Langley Field, at Sheppard Field, in Texas, and at Chanute Field in Illinois. Both of the Ball boys are now associated with their father in the hotel business, and are now studying under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

**FRANK BROWN HINES, M.D.**—One of the many "sons of Chestertown" who have found opportunity in the place of their birth for the use of their best endeavors, Dr. Frank Brown Hines has been, with interruptions, a physician for more than four decades. He prepared for higher academic and technical education in local schools, and after thorough preparation for his chosen profession he has since practiced, with the exception of the periods of military service of his country in the two World Wars.

The paternal grandparents of Dr. Hines were Cap-

tain Jesse K. and Alphonso (Massey) Hines, both natives of Kent County, Maryland. Jesse K. Hines was a descendant of Colonel Isaac Hines, who was a member of the staff of General George Washington during the American Revolution. The Massey family came originally from England; the Hines were Welsh. On the maternal side Dr. Hines descends from the Emory family who migrated from England and settled on an original land grant in 1692 in Queen Annes County, where Arthur Emory developed on the Corsica River, the place once called "Brampton," now known as "Poplar Grove."

Captain Jesse K. Hines served with the Union forces in the War Between the States. Over a long period he was a political leader in Maryland. He was born in 1829, and died in 1889. His wife was born in 1831, and died in 1879. His son, the father of the doctor whose name heads this review, was William Franklin Hines, also a medical man, a graduate from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, with the class of 1875. He practiced his profession in Chestertown for thirty-three years. In 1908, he was made chief of the Maryland Vital Statistics Bureau of the State Health Department, a post he filled most capably to his death on October 10, 1910. He was born on September 19, 1856. He married Mary Emory, and they were the parents of five children: 1. Frank Brown, of this review. 2. Jennie Emory, who married Benjamin F. Houston. 3. Charles Gilpin. 4. Mary Alphonso, who married Harold Douglas Curry. 5. Emory Massey Hines.

Dr. Frank Brown Hines, the eldest son of William Franklin and Mary (Emory) Hines, was born at Chestertown, Maryland, on June 24, 1881, and attended the grade schools and the preparatory department of Washington College. In the fall of 1896 he matriculated at the University of Maryland, graduating in 1900. While a student he was active in athletics, playing both baseball and football. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore (affiliate college of the University of Maryland), and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1904. He served a year as intern at the City Hospital of Baltimore and then became a resident physician and surgeon at the Mountain City Veterans Hospital in Johnson City, Tennessee. In 1906 he returned to Chestertown and initiated a private practice of medicine and surgery. Dr. Hines now serves on the staff and as chief of staff of the Kent-Queen Annes General Hospital.

In 1917 Dr. Hines entered the United States Army Medical Corps, and was commissioned a first lieutenant, assigned to the Twenty-ninth Division, attached to the 113th Field Hospital. He saw active service prior to his honorable discharge on June 19, 1919, with the rank of captain. In that same year he organized the Medical Detachment 1st Infantry of the Maryland National Guard, and was commissioned major and regimental surgeon of the 1st Infantry. He later was made lieutenant-colonel and before retiring in 1941 was a full colonel. During World War II, Dr. Hines served as chief medical officer of Maryland Selective Service, and was also chairman of the Appeal Board for the Eastern Shore Selective Service. He is a charter member of the Frank M. Jarman Post, American Legion, having been its first post commander. Dr. Hines enjoys an enviable reputation among his professional colleagues, a large clientele and citizens in general. He is a member of Kent County Medical Association, and a past president of the Medical and







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Chirurgical faculty of Maryland. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons. He is liberal in the support of religious and humanitarian activities, and to community life and affairs devotes a great deal of attention. A member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, he serves as a vestryman.

On May 20, 1908, Dr. Frank Brown Hines married Miriam Louise Jessop, a native of Kent County; a graduate of the University of Maryland Hospital with the degree of Registered Nurse, class of 1906. She practiced her profession prior to her marriage. Dr. and Mrs. Hines are the parents of one son, Frank Brown, Jr., born September 23, 1909; a graduate of the University of Maryland, class of 1933, he became connected with the du Pont Company, and was sent to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he remained about two years. He is now with the du Pont nylon plant in Martinsville, Virginia. He enlisted in the United States Army, World War II, and was assigned to Quartermaster Company, Twenty-ninth Division, rank of captain, serving in the Normandy invasion; was released from active service and commissioned major in the United States Army Officers' Reserve Corps. He married Elizabeth Ann Eger, born in Toledo, Ohio, who served with the rank of lieutenant, United States Army Nurses Corps, stationed at the hospital at Metz, where she and her husband met each other. They were married in Metz, July 3, 1945. They have one son, Frank Brown, III, born October 10, 1946, at Richmond, Virginia.

**WALTER EGGLESTON BUCK**—If any citizen of Port Deposit, Maryland, can qualify as a "live wire," it is surely Walter Eggleston Buck, now engaged in business as a realtor in his native Port Deposit and concurrently serving as one of the three members of the Maryland Alcohol Beverage License Committee, under appointment of Governor O'Connor. Mr. Buck has had a wealth of experience in business and politics, and has always found time to take an active part in community affairs.

He was born January 3, 1888, at Port Deposit, the son of George Horace and Molly Cecilia (Eggleston) Buck, the former a native of Linglestown, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Harford County, Maryland. George Horace Buck was an official of the Rowan Manufacturing Company. George Horace and Molly Cecilia (Eggleston) Buck were the parents of five sons and one daughter.

Walter Eggleston Buck attended the local elementary schools and Tome School for Boys, from which he was graduated in 1908. While in Tome School he distinguished himself in baseball and football. After graduation he took a job as timekeeper for the Carolina Power & Light Company of Raleigh, North Carolina, which he held until 1910. He then went north and spent a year in the employ of the J. E. Rhoads Manufacturing Company in Philadelphia and a year in New York City. Returning to Port Deposit he went into the lumber and coal business, the firm name being Rowland & Buck. Mr. Buck was active in this business until 1920, when he sold his interest in it in order to become president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturing Company at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. He then became president of the Millmont Box Company and served as such until 1935. During this period when his business interests were in Pennsylvania, his home remained at Port Deposit, in Cecil County, and he was simultaneously active in local politics. A Demo-

crat by political affiliation, he was elected to the post of county commissioner and served as president of the board until 1934, when he was elected county clerk. He served two terms in this post, remaining in office until 1942. In January of that year Governor O'Connor appointed him one of the three members of the Maryland Alcohol Beverage License Committee, a post he still holds. For some years Mr. Buck has been engaged in the real estate business at Port Deposit. During World War II he took an active part in all the home defense drives. He is president of the board of trustees of Jacob Tome Institute, and one of the trustees of the Presbyterian Church.

He married, in April, 1910, at Philadelphia, Mona Jewell Jenkins, the daughter of Franklin Nathaniel and Ann Ellen (Nesbitt) Jenkins, both natives of Cecil County. Mona Jewell (Jenkins) Buck was born February 23, 1891, at Rising Sun. Mr. and Mrs. Buck have two children: 1. George Horace, who married Beatrice Jackson; they have two children, George Horace, Jr., and Beverly Mona. 2. Walter Eggleston, a United States Army veteran of World War II, and now a university law student.

**CHARLES JACOB BRYAN** is the district salesman for the products of Purina Mills, in the seven lower counties of the Eastern Shore, as well as in Sussex County, Delaware. Mr. Bryan also owns and operates three farms in Wicomico County. He raises one hundred and fifty thousand chickens a year on his farms, and he also owns and operates the Salisbury Hatchery, Incorporated.

He was born February 8, 1898 in Sussex County, Delaware, the son of William J. and Drotha (Workman) Bryan, his father being a farmer and merchant of Sussex County.

Charles Jacob Bryan attended the public schools of Georgetown, Delaware. After leaving school he went to Philadelphia and became associated with the American stores there. For three and a half years he was manager of one of the American stores in Philadelphia, following which he went to Princess Anne and managed another American store for three and one half years. At the end of that time he became a salesman for the Purina Mills of St. Louis, and has been connected with this concern ever since. He now is district manager and salesman for the seven lower counties of the Eastern Shore and in Sussex County, Delaware. Mr. Bryan is a member and past president of the Salisbury Lions Club, and fraternally is affiliated with Salisbury Lodge, No. 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in all its branches up to and including the Thirty-second degree. He is a member of the Asbury Methodist Church of Salisbury.

Mr. Bryan married at Princess Anne, November 8, 1923, Gladys E. Lawson, the daughter of Captain James and Nora (Noble) Lawson, her father being a sea captain. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan are the parents of two sons: Charles J. Bryan, Jr., born September 18, 1924, and William J. Bryan, born March 25, 1927.

**CALVIN HARRINGTON, JR.**, is one of the leading young attorneys of the Eastern Shore. He has been practicing law in Cambridge since 1934, and takes an active part in the civic, social, and business life of the community.

He was born July 10, 1910, in Dorchester County,



the son of Calvin and Anna Wilsie (Dail) Harrington.

Calvin Harrington, Sr., who was a prominent lawyer, banker, and churchman, and one of the outstanding citizens of Cambridge, was born in Madison on July 4, 1873, the son of the late Edward Louis and Mary Jane Harrington. He studied law in the office of the late Sewell T. Milbourne and was admitted to the bar in Dorchester County on July 26, 1897. He for a time practiced in partnership with former Governor Emerson C. Harrington and W. Irving Mace, under the firm name of Harrington, Mace & Harrington, an association that lasted until 1909. In recent years he practiced with his son, Calvin Harrington, Jr., and Charles Awdry Thompson under the firm name of Harrington, Harrington & Thompson, until his death, which occurred in May, 1946 at the age of seventy-two. Mr. Harrington was one of the directors of the old Eastern Shore Trust Company, and when that company bought out the Dorchester National Bank he still remained a director. He was also a member of the board of directors of the County Trust Company of Maryland. For over twenty-five years he was a member of the vestry of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church. He was a charter member of the Cambridge Country Club and one of the original board of directors. Keenly interested in baseball, as well as other outdoor sports, he served as a director in the Cambridge Club of the old Eastern Shore League and was to be seen at all the games of the league as long as it existed. At the time of his death he was president of the Dorchester County Bar Association.

Calvin Harrington, Sr., died in May, 1946. At that time the local newspaper wrote of him as follows:

Mr. Harrington was an outstanding citizen, and loved his home and his family. When he left his office in the evening, he could almost always be found at his home on Mill street, where he had resided for many years.

He possessed a quiet unassuming disposition, and was always ready and willing at any time to lend his assistance wherever needed.

He was held in the very highest esteem by everybody with whom he came in contact, and his law business was one of the largest in the area. His clients had the utmost confidence in his honesty and integrity, and many of the largest estates in the county were entrusted to his law firm for settlement.

Calvin Harrington, Sr., was buried in Christ Church Cemetery. He was survived by his widow, Anna Wilsie (Dail) Harrington, by one son, Calvin, Jr., and one daughter, Mrs. Frank C. Mahood of Baltimore, one brother, Edgar Harrington of Cambridge, and one grandson, David Digges Harrington, who now has a brother.

Calvin Harrington, Jr., only son of Calvin Harrington, Sr., attended the local public schools, then St. John's College at Annapolis, from which he graduated in 1931 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered the University of Maryland Law School, graduating from that institution in 1934 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar and at once entered his father's law offices, practicing with his father until his professional career was interrupted by World War II. He served with the United States Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1946, holding the rank of lieutenant commander. In 1945 Charles Awdry Thompson was taken into the firm, which became Harrington, Harrington & Thompson until the death of the senior partner in May, 1946. Since then it has been known as Harrington & Thompson. A Democrat in political affiliation, Mr. Harrington served three terms as State's

Attorney for Dorchester County, from 1938 to 1947, except for his period spent in the service, when the duties of the office were carried on by Frederick P. McBrierty as acting state's attorney. In 1947 Mr. Harrington was president of the Dorchester County Bar Association. He belongs to the Maryland and the American bar associations and is past vice president of the Maryland State's Attorneys Association as well as an active member. Mr. Harrington is a member of the board of directors of the County Trust Company of Maryland and serves as attorney for the board. He is a member of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Country Club, of which he served as president in 1937-1938, and is a member and currently fleet captain of the Cambridge Yacht Club. He is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and belongs also to the local post of the American Legion. Mr. Harrington is always ready to help any good cause in the community. He attends Christ Protestant Episcopal Church and was vice president of the old Trinity Church Association. He is a director of the Cambridge Maryland Hospital. An ardent sportsman, his chief hobbies are boating, gunning, and all manner of outdoor sports.

He married, on May 25, 1938, Eleanor J. Digges of Charles County, the daughter of the late Judge W. M. Digges, who died in 1934 and Anne Natalie (Jenkins) Digges, both natives of Charles County. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Harrington, Jr., are the parents of two children: 1. David Digges, born in Cambridge, August 19, 1942. 2. Richard D., born in Cambridge, May 14, 1946.

**JOHN S. SKINNER**, who has three farms in Dorchester County, has been farming near Cambridge for almost half a century and has always had the reputation of being one of the most progressive farmers in his region. Mr. Skinner also has had a number of business interests, and has frequently been called upon to hold public office. Since 1934 he has served as county treasurer.

He was born in Dorchester County on November 19, 1872, the son of Alexander S. and Sally (Lerty) Skinner, the former a native of Baltimore, the latter of St. Mary's County, both now deceased. Alexander S. Skinner was a seafaring man who came to Dorchester County about 1866 and later engaged in farming until his death in 1908.

John S. Skinner was educated in the public schools of Dorchester County. As a young man he was an oysterman on the waters of Chesapeake Bay, a calling he followed until 1899, when he began farming in the Cambridge district. He has continued to farm ever since and now has three farms, comprising over five hundred acres in all, and raises principally tomatoes, string beans and other truck crops, with wheat and corn as grain crops. Mr. Skinner has always been one of the first to adopt progressive farming methods. He served as the first president of the Dorchester County Tomato Growers Association. In 1933 the Denton Production Credit Association was organized, covering four counties on the peninsula, and Mr. Skinner served as its first president, steering it through the difficulties that confronted it when it began operation in 1934, until the association had become well established. He also served for a time as a director of the National Farm Loan Association and was a member of the Farm Bureau. He was a director and sales manager of the Dorches-





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ter Fertilizer Company, and was treasurer of this company for a time. He was one of the organizers of the Hearn Hardware Company and served as a director. He is also a past director of the National Bank of Cambridge, and of the County Trust Company of Maryland. At one time, about 1918, Mr. Skinner was the largest shipper of peaches from Cambridge.

A Democrat in his political affiliation, Mr. Skinner served on the state central committee from 1916 to 1920. His first political post had been as a census enumerator about the turn of the century. He held office as a county commissioner from 1912 to 1918, and in World War I served on the draft board. In 1934 he was elected to the post of county treasurer and has continued to fill this post ever since. Mr. Skinner is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a past secretary of the Cambridge Circuit Charge of that church. A man of varied interests, he takes great pleasure in collecting old pictures of boats, and his interest in farming is such as to rate it as a hobby, although it has long been a means of livelihood as well. In 1949 Mr. Skinner will round the full half century mark as a farmer of Dorchester County, but he nonetheless still takes a lively interest in all the new developments that make for better farming.

He married (first) on December 27, 1898, Ella Parker, a native of Dorchester County, who died in 1903. He married (second) on August 10, 1905, Addie Poole, a native of Dorchester County. Mr. Skinner has four children. 1. Nellie, now treasurer of the Hearn Hardware Company. 2. Virginia Lee, a registered nurse. 3. Emerson. He spent four years in the United States Army during World War II, two years in the military police, being discharged with rank of sergeant. He is now in the memorial and cement block business. He married Lydia Twilley. 4. Bonnie, who married H. B. Mack of Elkhart, Indiana; they have one child, Deborah.

**PHILIP GEORGE WILMER**—As a business man, Philip George Wilmer has contributed importantly to the wealth and prosperity of Chestertown, of which place he has been a citizen for the most of his life. As the mayor of the city continuously elected and re-elected since 1932, he has made the most of every opportunity to serve the community well during the years of fighting depression or inflation, when civic requirements have grown beyond the funds available. As a man among men, he is popular and honored for his character, personality and gift for making friends.

Born near Chestertown, Maryland, on January 7, 1893, he is the son of William Blackston and Ada (Jessop) Wilmer, both natives of Kent County. His mother died in 1901 and Philip George Wilmer and sister, Leonore, were reared by their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Philip George Wilmer, the uncle being a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. William B. Wilmer were the parents of six children: 1. Leonore, who married Donald Stam. 2. William D. 3. Philip George, of whom further. 4. Jessop. 5. Malcolm. 6. Geraldine Vickers, who married Judson Williams.

Philip George Wilmer started his education in the grade and high schools of his birthplace, being graduated from the latter institution in 1910. He attended Washington College for about three years, and played football on both high school and college teams. Graduated from the Baltimore Business College in 1913, he then entered Pratt Institute in Brooklyn,

New York, where he was graduated in 1915. His first position after graduation was with the American Lead Pencil Company, in Hoboken, New Jersey, as a mechanical engineer, remaining until 1917, when he enlisted for service in the United States Army for World War I. He trained at Camp Mineola, Long Island, was assigned to aviation duty and served about a year in Europe with the American Expeditionary Forces, receiving his honorable discharge in 1919.

Upon returning to civilian life, Mr. Wilmer again became connected with the American Lead Pencil Company, remaining until the death of a member of his family which necessitated his return to Chestertown to manage estate interests. In July, 1923, with associates, he established the Eliason Motor Company, dealers in Ford cars and trucks, being named secretary and treasurer of the company. In 1942, again with associates, the Kent Defense Corporation was initiated, with Mr. Wilmer as plant manager. After the end of World War II, the concern was reorganized as the Kent Manufacturing Company, of which he is its efficient and successful president.

Aside from his business activities, Mr. Wilmer is interested in varied affairs. He is a director of the Kent County Savings Bank; has large farm holdings, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Kent-Queen Annes General Hospital. A Democrat in politics, he is a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee. In 1932 he was elected mayor of Chestertown and has been re-elected each term since then. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons. A member of the Rotary Club, manager of Cedar Point Duck Club, a charter member of Frank Jarman Post, American Legion, he also was during World War II, one of the organizers of Kent County Civilian Defense.

On November 10, 1923, Philip George Wilmer married Adelaide Isabel Perry, who was born in Centerville, Maryland, and they have a daughter: Ann Wilkinson, an undergraduate at Wellesley College.

Mrs. Wilmer was the daughter of John Mackey Perry, a native of Centerville, Maryland. Large farm interests occupied his adult life. He married Adelaide Maria Wilkinson, also a native of Centerville, Maryland.

**STEPHEN RALPH ANDREWS, JR., M.D.**—A young professional man active in the field of medicine and surgery in Elkton is Dr. Stephen Ralph Andrews, Jr., whose beginnings in his profession promise a successful career.

Born in Elkton, October 11, 1915, S. Ralph Andrews, Jr. is the son of Stephen Ralph and Rose (Jones) Andrews, both natives of Cecil County. The senior Stephen Ralph Andrews is a contractor and builder; during World War I he managed important construction work for the War Department.

S. Ralph Andrews, Jr., after graduation from high school, entered the American University at Washington, D. C., receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree there in 1936. He then attended the University of Maryland School of Medicine, from which he graduated in 1940 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He served a one-year internship at the Church Home and Infirmary of Baltimore, and in 1941 began the private practice of medicine at North East. Concurrently with this practice, he held the position of assistant medical director for the Triumph Explosive Company of Elkton. In 1943 he entered the United States Army Medical Corps as a first lieu-

tenant, and was later commissioned captain. After distinguished service with the 2nd Infantry Division in the European Theater of Operations, he received his discharge from the service, thereafter attending the University of Pennsylvania where he took post-graduate work in internal medicine. In December, 1946, he resumed the practice of medicine at Elkton.

Dr. Andrews is on the staff of the Union Hospital, and is president of the Cecil County Medical Association, and a member of the American, and the Maryland medical associations. He holds membership in the American Legion. His church is the Methodist, in which he is a steward.

At Miami, Florida, on March 24, 1948, Dr. Andrews married Miss Jessie Louise Vereen, a native of Miami, Florida. She is a graduate of Duke University with Bachelor of Arts degree, and was employed in county social service work for a short time. Mrs. Andrews is also a Methodist.

**WALLACE WILLIAMS, SR.**—Prominent in Maryland's agricultural and business life, Wallace Williams, Sr., resides at Brantwood Farms, the family homestead near Elkton. "Brantwood" was originally purchased by Mr. Williams' great-great-grandfather, Dr. George Wallace, in 1793, after his return from service with Washington's army in the Revolutionary War.

Mr. Williams' father, the Reverend Frank E. Williams, was born in Caroline County, Maryland, and was pastor of the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Baltimore for many years. Later he served in the Maryland State Senate, and owned and edited the "Cecil County Whig." He married Mary Elizabeth Wallace, daughter of Dr. Joseph Veasey Wallace and Cornelia (Price) Wallace of Chesapeake City. Their children are Wallace, Frank E., Jr., Fletcher Price, Emily Bell, Cornelia, and Joseph Veasey.

Of these, Wallace Williams, Sr., the eldest, was born October 21, 1892. He went with the Maryland National Guard to the Mexican Border, and in 1917 was commissioned in the Regular Army, serving eighteen months in Europe as a captain in the 11th Infantry, Fifth Division. In 1920 he resigned from the Army and married Elisabeth B. Smith, of Montclair, New Jersey. The same year he resumed management of Brantwood Farms, farming six hundred and fifty acres of land, with a herd of one hundred Guernsey cattle.

The Williams have always been active in public affairs. Mrs. Williams studied and traveled abroad for a year in 1913-1914, and was overseas again with the Young Men's Christian Association in World War I. She was president of the Elkton Woman's Club, and the Legion Auxiliary, and served for eight years on the Cecil County Board of Education. Wallace Williams organized the Cecil Post of the American Legion, and was State Commander in 1928. In 1930 he was elected to the Maryland State Senate, and two years later was nominated as Republican candidate for the United States Senate, losing to Millard E. Tydings.

In World War II, Mr. Williams was commissioned lieutenant colonel in the Maryland State Guard, commanding the units in the five upper Eastern Shore counties. He also headed the Civilian defense organization in Cecil County. During the war he formed a bus transportation company for workers in the Elkton munitions plants. At present he is president of the Canada Dry Bottling Company of Wilmington.

He was Cecil County chairman of Boy Scouts of America, for ten years, and served as president of the Children's Aid Society, and director of the Community Chest. He is a member of the Elkton Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams have three children: 1. Wallace, Jr., who was a captain and pilot in the Army Air Forces, flying fifty missions in Africa and Italy. He married Barbara Pool of Wilmington. Their children are Wallace, III, and Susan. 2. Lois, married H. Gibbons Young who served as a captain of Marines in the South Pacific. Their children are H. Gibbons, Jr., and Elisabeth. 3. Corinne, who is now a student at the Philadelphia Museum School of Industrial Arts.

**HORACE EDWARD QUILLIN** has enjoyed a varied career, having had experience in the ice and coal business, in military service, as automobile salesman, crane operator, and poultry farmer. He is best known in Eastern Shore business circles as executive, for he is sole owner and manager of the Davis Ice and Coal Company. He is likewise interested in banking, and in civic and political activities.

Mr. Quillin was born in Berlin, which is the present location of his business, on September 6, 1900, and is the son of Stephen John and Elizabeth Quillin. His father, a conductor on the old Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railroad until he became injured and retired, is still living. Elizabeth Quillin is deceased. Horace Edward Quillin's education began in the public schools of Berlin and continued at Berlin High School, after which he attended Goldey Business College in Wilmington, Delaware, graduating with the class of 1916. Immediately afterwards he became associated with the firm which he now heads, although he had ahead of him a number of years of varied experience elsewhere before resuming connection with it. The firm was at that time owned by Mr. Quillin's uncle, Horace Davis. Mr. Quillin's connection with it was terminated when in September of 1918 he enlisted in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. His desire to get into action in World War I, however, was not realized, as peace was declared before the termination of the young man's training, and he was discharged on December 13, 1918. He then became an automobile salesman for the Hause Automobile Agency in Wilmington, Delaware, remaining there for six months. There followed a period of employment with the Bethlehem Steel Company at Sparrows Point, where he was a crane operator for one year. Then after six months spent at his home town of Berlin, he enrolled in an automobile school in Detroit, Michigan. On conclusion of his studies there, he resumed, after a long absence, his connection with the Davis Ice and Coal Company.

This company was still owned by his uncle. At the death of Horace Davis, on January 28, 1945, Mr. Quillin inherited the entire business, which he still conducts, serving a considerable portion of the East Shore area and through able management steering the business on the path to success.

Mr. Quillin's interest in truck farming is an active one and involves the management of a truck farm of one hundred acres, which he also owns. He also runs a chicken farm which produces for the market sixty thousand fowl annually. In Berlin, he is also prominent in business circles, being a stockholder in the C. B. Taylor Banking Company. He is a Democrat in his political views, and on May 3, 1948 was elected



*Horace Davis*





to the city council of Berlin. Mr. Quillin is a member of the Lions Club, and attends the Episcopal Church in Berlin, which religious body he has served for a number of years as vestryman.

In Berlin, on April 21, 1924, Horace Edward Quillin married Sabra Frances Houston, daughter of John Francis and Sabra E. (Gibb) Houston, her father being a farmer, merchant and lumberman. To Mr. and Mrs. Quillin have been born two children: 1. Sabra Elizabeth, born November 19, 1926, and married to Joseph E. Parker of Berlin and they have one child: Joseph Elisha, born August 6, 1948. 2. Horace Davis, who was born July 21, 1928, and married Shirley Massey of Berlin.

**JAMES FINNEY MAGRAW, M.D.**—Dr. James Magraw, who has practiced medicine at Perryville, Maryland, since 1912, is one of Perryville's most able and energetic citizens, finding time to take part in many community enterprises in addition to carrying on the duties of his profession. Dr. Magraw was one of the organizers of the National Bank of Perryville and since 1939 has served as its president. He is well-known in banking circles, as well as in the local, state and national medical associations.

He was born on April 22, 1887 at Thomas Run in Harford County, the son of the late Dr. James Martin and Katherine (Stump) Magraw. The Magraw family settled in Cecil County at West Nottingham about 1760, the progenitor being a certain Reverend James Magraw who was a Presbyterian minister. Dr. James Martin Magraw was born in Havre de Grace, May 30, 1841. He studied medicine at the University of Maryland, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and practiced for many years at Thomas Run, in Harford County, until his death, July 13, 1889. He married, on June 1, 1869, Katherine Stump of Perryville, and they were the parents of the following children: 1. Mary Maxwell, who married Neils S. Haresen. 2. John Stump, who died at the age of two. 3. Elizabeth Hooper, who died at the age of two. 4. Alicia Mitchell, who died at the age of three. 5. Harriet Susan, who died at the age of sixty-nine. 6. Robert Maxwell, who died at the age of sixty-seven. 7. Henry Alexander, who died at the age of fifty-nine; 9. Dr. James Finney Magraw, the youngest and sole surviving child.

Dr. Magraw attended the Perryville elementary school and the Havre de Grace High School, from which he was graduated in 1905. Beginning at the age of twelve he was able to pay his own way through school by his skill and enterprise in poultry raising. He took his professional training at the University of Maryland, graduating in 1909 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After graduation he served for a time as resident physician and surgeon at the University Hospital and then became assistant physician and surgeon for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, a post he held until 1912. In that year he returned to Perryville and began private practice. Dr. Magraw has continued to keep in touch with the latest developments in medical practice by attending clinical courses in Baltimore. He is an honorary staff member of the Maryland General Hospital of Baltimore, the Union Hospital of Elkton, and the Harford Memorial Hospital of Havre de Grace. He served three times as president of the Cecil County Medical Society, and is a member of the Maryland Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He has been active in the Maryland and

American Bankers associations. He serves as a director of the Community Fire Insurance Company, and vice president of the local Home Building and Loan Association. Dr. Magraw was formerly a trustee of the Eastern Maryland Hospital, and is at present a trustee of the Jacob Tome Institute. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons.

He married on April 29, 1925, Helen Edna Daugherty, a native of Cecil County, and they have one son, James Finney Magraw, Jr., born December 24, 1926.

**DONALD C. BENNETT**—After varied experience in automobile service, and the beginning of his own business in a modest way, Donald C. Bennett is now the operator of the largest and most complete automobile agencies on the peninsula, under the name of the Bennett Automotive Service, which he owns in partnership with his wife, Dorothy M. Bennett. Not only as a business man, but as a club man and a man of civic interests, he has gained recognition in Cambridge.

A native of Milford, Delaware, where he was born October 12, 1910, Mr. Bennett is the son of Winter C. and Sadie K. (Mills) Bennett. His father, formerly a produce merchant in Milford, is now deceased. Donald Bennett attended the public schools in Milford and Wilmington, and during high school days worked outside of school hours with a building contractor in Wilmington for a period of two years, and continued with this same employer for one year after leaving school. At the age of nineteen, he sought employment with the Chevrolet dealer at Milford, and remained there two and a half years. This established the young man's permanent interest in the automobile business and, on coming to Cambridge at the age of twenty-one, he became associated with the B. J. Linthicum's Sons, Chevrolet dealers in that place, occupying the position of service manager. Subsequently he went with the Chevrolet Motor Division in Baltimore and in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on zone service work. By 1939 his experience was sufficient to back his venture into business for himself; and returning to Cambridge he organized the Bennett Automotive Service. This enterprise had a modest beginning, but almost from the first its success was assured and its growth rapid. Since 1940 he has handled Chrysler and Plymouth cars, representing two of the most popular makes in the lower- and middle-price ranges. In 1945 he added the agency of the Mack truck and the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle. In addition he is a local agent for the Chrysler Marine Engine and deals in Texas Oil products.

His present place of business has twelve thousand four hundred feet of floor space in indoor showrooms, service department, and twelve thousand five hundred feet outside. It employs the services of twenty-one persons. Mr. Bennett is alert in business matters, and keeps up stimulating contact with his colleagues through memberships in the National Automobile Dealers Association, and the Maryland Automobile Trade Association. His enthusiasm for motor vehicles overflows into his recreational pursuits, for his hobby is motorcycles.

Mr. Bennett's territory for Chrysler is Dorchester County; for Mack Trucks it is Dorchester, Talbot and Caroline counties; and for Harley-Davidson it is Dorchester and Wicomico counties.

For two years Mr. Bennett was a member of the

State Guard. He has a considerable interest in civic matters, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Rotary, and his lodges are the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Loyal Order of Moose. In the latter organization he is past district governor. In politics he is Republican; and worships at the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, where he is a member of the official board.

On April 12, 1933, Donald C. Bennett married Dorothy M. Werkheiser, of Wilmington, Delaware. They are the parents of two children: 1. Donald R., born in Baltimore in 1937. 2. Dianna L., born in Cambridge in 1941.

**CHARLES LEE POWELL**, president of the Powell Motor Company, Incorporated, of Salisbury, was born May 6, 1894 at Princess Anne, Somerset County, the son of William Rufus and Mary A. (Carey) Powell. His father was a farmer of Somerset County. The name "Powell" is probably a contraction of the Welsh "Ap Howell," son of Howell, or it may possibly be derived from "Paul," of which it was a former spelling. In all probability the Powell family of the Eastern Shore are descended from a certain William Powell who was a resident of Charlestown, Massachusetts in 1636.

Charles Lee Powell attended the elementary schools of Princess Anne, and Princess Anne High School, after which he took a course at the Beacom Business College of Salisbury. He then entered the employ of Farmers & Planters, general merchandisers, as an accountant, and held this position for three years. In 1918 he became associated with the Porter Motor Company, dealers in Buick and Cadillac cars in Salisbury, in the capacity of accountant, and thus gained his first experience in the automobile business. Two years later, in 1920, he organized the Salisbury Motor Company, handling Buick, Cadillac, and Chevrolet sales. In 1925 he went into business for himself, taking over the franchise of Oakland and Pontiac cars under the name of the Powell Motor Company. In 1933 he took over the Buick franchise. In 1946 the Powell Motor Company was incorporated with Charles Lee Powell as president, his wife, Anne R. Powell, as vice president, and his son, Robert A. Powell, as secretary and treasurer, and the firm now does business under the name of the Powell Motor Company, Incorporated. Mr. Powell is a member of the Lions Club of Salisbury, and fraternally is affiliated with Salisbury Lodge, Number 91, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Salisbury Lodge, Number 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Asbury Methodist Church, and in political affiliation is a Democrat.

He married at Westover on April 9, 1917, Anne Laura Ring, the daughter of John M. and Callie Temple (Cooley) Ring, her father being a stock farmer of southwestern Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Powell are the parents of one son, Robert A. Powell, born November 23, 1922. He graduated from the elementary schools and high school at Salisbury and from General Motors Institute at Flint, Michigan, in the class of 1941. During World War II he served in the 106th Infantry Division of the United States Army in the European Theater of Operations, taking part in the battles of Ardennes and the Rhineland. He was taken prisoner of war and held in a prison camp about thirty miles south of Berlin for six months, until he was liberated by the Russians. He was discharged from the United States Army at

Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on November 20, 1945 after three years in the service. On October 29, 1946 he married Elizabeth McBrierty of Salisbury, and they have one daughter, Jill, born November 3, 1947. Robert A. Powell is now actively engaged in the automobile sales and service business with his father, and is secretary and treasurer of the firm.

**GRANVILLE S. LeCOMPTE**—Granville S. LeCompte, after varied business experience early in life, has been successful in operating a mortuary in Cambridge, Maryland. For a number of generations, his family has lived in this locality, and have been known and respected through many generations by the townspeople.

Mr. LeCompte is of the eighth generation of this family both in America and in Maryland. His earliest forbear on these shores was Anthony LeCompte. A native of the Province of Picardy, Anthony first spent several years in England, where he married Esther Doaloan. About 1655, he emigrated to America. It is probable that he settled first in Calvert County, but in 1659, receiving a grant of seven hundred acres of land on the Choptank River, in Home Bay, he established his home there, the location being known as St. Anthonia. Therefore, the LeCompte family was well-established on these shores ten years before Dorchester County came into existence.

Of the first generation to be born in this country was Moses LeCompte, whose son, William married a widow Martin, of Talbot County, and was the father of Isaiah LeCompte. Isaiah married Mary Geoghegan, and their son, William G. married Mary A. Eaton. William G. and Mary A. (Eaton) LeCompte were the parents of Thomas, who married Margaret Cook. He became the father of Samuel E. of Cambridge, whose son, Granville S., is the subject of this sketch.

Samuel E. LeCompte was a native of Cambridge, and long active as a merchant in that community. He married Eliza J. Spedden of that place, and their son, Granville S., was born September 11, 1888. The young man, later to become associated with his father in business, attended, after his public school education, Bryant & Stratton Business College in Baltimore. It was thereafter that he gained a diversified business experience, operating a laundry business in Cambridge for several years, then venturing into the confectionery business, with which he was successfully connected for eleven years.

In the phrase of a self-made merchant, once writing to a son at Harvard: "When a man goes out at night to put up the shutters for the last time, he will do it a great deal easier if he knows there is a son to take them down in the morning." Some of this feeling must have prevailed in the LeCompte family. In 1925 Granville S. LeCompte, decided to associate himself with his father in funeral directing. The firm was one of long standing, having been established in 1899 under the name of LeCompte and Harper, and having started in a day when specialization was less prevalent than now, as a furniture and undertaking business. At the time Granville S. LeCompte joined his father, the firm name was changed to LeCompte Funeral Service. Samuel E. LeCompte died December 19, 1929, but the enterprise has received the support of the younger generation of the family, for in 1937 Mr. Granville's son in turn, Granville S., Jr., joined his father. The subsequent year







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Robert A. Powell









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they were joined by Sewell A. Frey, Mr. Granville's son-in-law.

The present establishment is an impressive one. It has received recognition as being in the sixteen-percent bracket throughout the United States. Entirely air-conditioned, it has two beautiful chapels and a pipe organ of exceptional tone quality. There is a fleet of eight cars; and their large outlay has equipped the firm to provide ample facilities for four to five funerals a day. Yet it is no more the material equipment and the impressive home, than the reputation for courteous and considerate service, garnered through the years, that has brought LeCompte Funeral Service its community recognition.

Mr. LeCompte is active in all aspects of community life. He is a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and vice president of the Cambridge Rotary. Participating fully in affairs of the several lodges, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A Mason, he is a member of Cambridge Lodge Number 66, of the York Rite Bodies, and of Boumi Temple of the Shrine, in Baltimore.

In addition to conducting the affairs of his firm, he has a number of other business associations, among them being directorship of the Cambridge Memorial Company and of the Cambridge Products and Vault Company. He is also a director in the Dorchester Memorial Park Association. In his political views, Mr. LeCompte is an independent Democrat, and his religious affiliation is with the Christ Episcopal Church. His recreational activities are of the out-of-doors variety, and he likes sports in general, and aquatic activities in particular.

On October 27, 1910, Granville S. LeCompte married Lee Snow of Cambridge. They have become the parents of two children: 1. Granville S., Jr., who graduated from local schools, attended Gettysburg College, and the University of Maryland, enrolled in the American Academy of Embalming and Mortuary Research, Inc., New York City, and since graduation has been associated with his father. Active in local affairs, he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and belongs to the Cambridge Country Club. He is instructor in seamanship at the Cambridge Yacht Club. A Mason, he is past master of Cambridge Lodge No. 66, and a member of Boumi Temple of the Shrine in Baltimore. He married Willibelle Patterson, and they are the parents of one son, Anthony, who attends local schools. 2. Nanon, who graduated from St. Mary's Seminary, where she was valedictorian of her class, and is an accomplished pianist. She is married to Sewell A. Frey, mentioned above, and they are the parents of two children.

**FREDERICK WARRINGTON LUCAS**—With a career in the sports world already behind him, Frederick Warrington Lucas brought to Cambridge an enthusiasm for sports. Perhaps one reason for his buoyancy and enthusiasm is that, where most men find recreation, Mr. Lucas finds a livelihood.

He was born at Vineland, New Jersey, on January 19, 1903, son of William Redding and Lillian (Watkins) Lucas. After education in the public schools of Vineland and Philadelphia, he began his professional baseball career with the Martinsburg team in the Blue Ridge League. Like most sports professionals, he did much traveling about, playing with teams in Bridgeport, Connecticut; Scranton, Pennsylvania; and Houston, Texas. In 1935 he went for

a season with the Philadelphia "Phillies," then became associated with the St. Louis Cardinals' minor league chain, as manager of various farm teams, particularly at Albany, Georgia. When Branch Rickey severed his connection with the St. Louis organization and became associated with the Brooklyn Dodgers, Mr. Lucas went with him as scout manager and business manager. In 1937, still in his St. Louis connection, he came to Cambridge as manager of the local team in the Eastern Shore League.

Liking Cambridge, Mr. Lucas decided to remain there. In 1940 he purchased a business, dealing in office supplies and stationery, and this he operated until January 1, 1948. At that date he opened a store carrying a general line of sporting goods.

Business has never tempted him to lose touch with "the great American game;" and he has been president and general manager of the Cambridge Dodgers for the past several years. During World War II he taught physical education at Cambridge High School. A hobby of Mr. Lucas is work with boys—although it is difficult to determine, with Mr. Lucas, where work ends and recreation begins. He directs a "mid-get league" for boys from eight to fifteen years of age. These young protégés are privileged to use the local Dodger park, which incidentally is one of the finest centers of the sport in any Class D league in the country, and both stands and playing field compare with the facilities of many a higher-classified league. Mr. Lucas sponsors not only baseball, but sports in general throughout the region, and is always ready to back up, with his invaluable experience, the enthusiastic urge of local youths to form a sports club. He is active likewise in the Boy Scouts. When he can break away from such activities, he is as likely to be found hunting or fishing.

While giving enthusiastic assistance to youth, however, Mr. Lucas by no means neglects his contemporaries. He is active in the Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Rotary, in which he is chairman of the youth committee. He belongs to both the Yacht Club, and the Country Club of Cambridge. His lodge is the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Cambridge Lodge Number 1272. He is an independent in politics, and is a communicant of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Lucas has been married twice. In 1924, he married Charlotte Liebermann, and they became the parents of a daughter Jacqueline, a graduate of Penn Hall, who is now married to Grayson Jones of Cambridge, and is the mother of one child, Christine. Charlotte (Liebermann) Lucas died in 1937.

Mr. Lucas married, second, on February 2, 1946, Lola Creighton, and they are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann, born at Cambridge, September 9, 1947.

**S. DENMEAD KOLB**—A widely known business leader and distinguished public official, S. Denmead Kolb has established himself as one of the outstanding citizens of Salisbury. His many and varied civic, social, and political activities have merited the esteem of his fellow townsmen and have gained for him an enviable reputation.

Mr. Kolb was born May 21, 1900, at Frederick, Maryland, son of David Denmead and Martha Ellen (Mealey) Kolb. The first progenitor of the family in America was Johannes Kolb. He was born June 19, 1683, at Baden, Germany, son of Dielman Kolb, and came to this country with his four brothers, in 1707.

The brothers settled in Pennsylvania in Skippack, now Montgomery County. Johannes Kolb's son, Johannes Michael, came to Maryland and settled near Frederick, where he established a meat market and tavern. John William Kolb, born February 17, 1776, and William Kolb, born November 12, 1806, son and grandson of Johannes Kolb, Jr., carried on the thriving enterprise. William Augustus Kolb, son of William Kolb, and grandfather of S. Denmead Kolb, was born at Frederick, Maryland, February 13, 1844. He attended the local public schools and later engaged in the livestock and meat business with his father and uncle. After his father's passing, he joined his uncle, David Kolb, in this same business. He was a member of the Episcopal Church. He married Mary A. Jones, daughter of Annie E. (Denmead) Jones, who was born at Limerick, Ireland. They became the parents of the following children: 1. William O. 2. David D. 3. Margaret A., who married Fred Riggles.

David Denmead Kolb, father of S. Denmead Kolb, was born December 23, 1873, at Frederick, and died June 4, 1922. He was engaged in the real estate business and handled livestock at Frederick. He was active as a director of the Fredericktown Savings Institute. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, holding the Thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and was a member of the Knights of Pythias. In religious faith, he belonged to the Evangelical Reformed Church. He married Martha Ellen Mealey, a member of the Episcopal faith, whose ancestors were early settlers of Maryland and Virginia, among whom were Colonel John Chew, who arrived in Virginia on the ship "Charity," in 1619, and John Baldwin, in 1615. David D. and Martha E. (Mealey) Kolb became the parents of the following children: 1. Stanley Denmead. 2. Charlotte A. 3. Jeannette O. 4. Maryanna A. 5. Kathleen R. and 6. David William.

S. Denmead Kolb received his elementary education in the public schools of his native town, and, in 1918, was graduated from high school at Frederick. He entered St. John's College at Annapolis, Maryland, and during the remainder of World War I, participated as a member of the Student Army Training Corps there, and was awarded World War I Victory Medal. His excellent academic record at St. John's College earned him an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis by Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels. As a member of the class of 1924, Mr. Kolb took an active interest in athletics and dramatics.

After completing his formal education, Mr. Kolb became associated with the Chicago packing firm of Swift and Company, coming to Salisbury in 1928, as manager of the company's branch in this city. He continued in this position here with the exception of 1929, when he was managing the firm's Roanoke, Virginia branch. In 1935, after almost twelve years of service to Swift and Company, he severed this connection. At this time, he went into the real estate and insurance business. His enterprise has continued to prosper and grow under his management, and today it is one of the most prosperous and thriving establishments of its type in the region.

Mr. Kolb has distinguished himself in public office. In 1938 he was elected to membership in the Maryland General Assembly for a four-year term. In 1942, after an outstandingly successful first term, he was re-elected to the same position. While serving in the legislature, he acted as a member of many important

committees, contributing much toward the successful operation of the Ways and Means Committee, the Insurance and Loans Committee, the Education Committee, and the Committee on State Militia. He also served as chairman of his county as well as the Eastern Shore Delegation in the House of Delegates. In 1946, after completing his two-term stay in the Legislature, he was appointed by Governor Herbert R. O'Connor as Maryland representative of the Council of State Governments. He played an important role in this organization and was elected to the positions of first vice president and chairman of the Board of Governors of the Council.

In addition to his business and political interests, Mr. Kolb plays an important role in other phases of community life. He has served as president of the Maryland Association of Insurance Agents, vice president of the Salisbury Community Fund, is a director of the Maryland Real Estate Association, a director of the Wicomico County Free Library, and held the same position in the Chamber of Commerce. In 1934 he organized a Naval Reserve Unit in Salisbury and was made its commanding officer with the rank of ensign in the United States Naval Reserve. During World War II, he acted as a special investigator for the Navy Department and served in the Maryland State Guard as a captain on the Fourth Battalion staff. He also served as chairman of the 1943 Victory Bond Drive, and as chairman of the Wicomico County Red Cross war fund drives of 1944, 1945 and 1946. He is a member of the Salisbury Rotary Club, the Navy Athletic Association, the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association, the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maryland, Sons of the Revolution, the Society of the War of 1812, the Southern Maryland Society, First Families of Virginia, the Maryland Historical Society, and is immediate past president of the Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution. He also holds membership in the Society of Descendants of Knights of The Most Noble Order of The Garter, and Magna Charta Barons. An early ancestor was the Duke of Norfolk, whose niece, Catherine Howard, became the wife of King Henry VIII. Early members of the family in this country were Colonel William Burgess and Colonel Nicholas Greenbury, governors of Maryland during Colonial times, and Major General John Hammond. Mr. Kolb is Chef de Gare of Voiture No. 122 of the Forty and Eight, and past commander of Wicomico Post No. 64 of the American Legion. His activities also included the presidency of the Wicomico County Historical Society, past president, Wicomico County Council of Parents and Teachers, and chairman of the Salisbury District, Boy Scouts of America. In politics he is a staunch Democrat and has supported party principles for many years. In religious preference, he is an Episcopalian, and has served as registrar, senior warden, and vestryman of St. Peter's Church in Salisbury. His recreational activity consists of landscaping and designing properties in connection with his real estate interests.

On December 1, 1922, S. Denmead Kolb married Margaret Lantz Huss, daughter of Andrew Lantz and Florence A. (Reeder) Huss. Mrs. Kolb, a descendant of early Colonial settlers of Pennsylvania and Maryland, is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. S. Denmead and Margaret Lantz (Huss) Kolb became the parents of the following children: 1. Margaret Jeanne, born February 16, 1927, now wife



of George Guild Strott, ensign, United States Navy. Mrs. Strott, a graduate of Hannah Moore Academy, and Mount Vernon Seminary, made her debut in 1945 at the Bachelors Cotillon in Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Strott have a son, George Guild, Jr., born April 17, 1948, on the hospital ship "Repose," at Tsingtao, China. 2. Stanley Denmead, Jr., born February 9, 1932, now a student at Admiral Farragut Academy.

**ERNEST ROWLAND, M.D.**—One of the best loved men in Cecil County, Maryland, was the late Dr. Ernest Rowland, who for forty-three years practiced medicine in the county, until his death on April 28, 1940, at his home in Liberty Grove.

Dr. Rowland was born on August 2, 1874 in the city of Baltimore, the son of Robert James and Emma (Stricklen) Rowland. Robert James Rowland was a farmer but in 1877 entered the mercantile business at Liberty Grove, and also served as postmaster for about a half century.

Dr. Rowland, who was an only child, was brought to Liberty Grove when hardly out of infancy. He attended the local public schools and West Nottingham Academy, of which he is a graduate. After a year of further study in the Baltimore public school system, he entered Baltimore Medical College, and, after completing his course, graduated in 1895, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then served for a year as intern at the Maryland General Hospital. In 1896 Dr. Rowland returned to Liberty Grove and set up in private practice as a physician and surgeon and spent the rest of his life in devoted service to this community and the surrounding countryside. During World War I he was one of very few doctors left in Cecil County to care for the sick, and he practiced over an extremely large area, besides finding time to take an active part in all war drives. Dr. Rowland was a member of the Cecil County, Maryland, and American medical associations. He held membership in the Free and Accepted Masons and was a Knight Templar. Always interested in all good causes, he gave his support wherever it was needed, but was particularly active in the West Nottingham Presbyterian Church, of which he was a trustee, also an elder for about ten years.

Dr. Rowland married on June 29, 1898, Lulu Pusey, a native of Port Deposit and the daughter of Lewis Daniel and Addie Elizabeth (Knight) Pusey. Mrs. Rowland's father, a contractor and builder, was born in Puseyville, Pennsylvania, and her mother in Port Deposit. Mrs. Rowland has always been active in church work, and since Dr. Rowland's death on April 28, 1940, has endeavored to continue her service to the community causes in which they were both interested. In addition to her activities in the West Nottingham Presbyterian Church, she serves as president of the Ladies Auxiliary of West Nottingham Academy, is a member of the Liberty Grove Community Club, and also an officer of the club.

**WALTER GRIFFITH WILSON**, cashier of the First National Bank of North East, was born May 19, 1910, in the Elkneck community in Cecil County, the son of Harry Layfield and Katharine May (Holt) Wilson, both natives of Cecil County. The Wilson and Holt families both settled on the Eastern Shore before the Civil War. Harry Layfield Wilson, a farmer, had two children by a previous marriage,

Harry Layfield, Jr., and William James, who died in infancy. He and Katharine May (Holt) Wilson had nine children: Walter Griffith, Lumsden Holt, Robert Clark, Katharine, James Thomas, Edith Ann, who married Edward Frederick, Beulah, Margaret, and Charles.

Walter Griffith Wilson attended the country school of his community and North East High School, from which he graduated in 1926, playing on the high school baseball, track and soccer teams. During the summers he worked on the farm. He then attended Goldey Business College in Wilmington. On January 1, 1928 he entered the employ of the First National Bank of North East in the capacity of teller. Ten years later, in 1938, he was made assistant cashier, and in January, 1946 he became cashier, the position he holds today. Mr. Wilson has been active in Group Three of the Maryland Bankers Association. He is a Republican by political affiliation, and is a member of the Methodist Church.

On June 2, 1939, he married Hallie Lee Biddle, a native of Cecil County. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of four children: Geraldine Lee, born February 2, 1941; Walter Michael, born June 27, 1943; Mary Ann, born August 25, 1944; and James Thomas, born May 28, 1947.

**JUDGE WINDER LAIRD HENRY**, now serving a fifteen-year term on the bench of the First Judicial Circuit Court of Maryland, was elected to this post in 1946, and is chief justice of the court. Judge Henry has always taken a prominent part in community affairs, as have members of the Henry family for several generations past.

He was born on August 14, 1896 in Cambridge, the son of Winder Laird and Martha (Adkins) Henry. The elder Judge Winder Laird Henry, who was born in Dorchester County on December 21, 1864, graduated from the Cambridge public schools, and then became a newspaper publisher for several years before entering upon the practice of law. He served in the United States Congress, and later sat on the bench of the Maryland Court of Appeals. Martha (Adkins) Henry was born in Talbot County, the sister of former Judge William H. Adkins of Easton.

Judge Henry attended the local public schools, and also was a student at St. James School for one year, and at Tome School for four years. He then entered Princeton University, where he spent two years, and he had entered the Law School of the University of Maryland and embarked upon the study of law when the United States was drawn into war in 1917. He became the first man from Cambridge to enlist in World War I. He enlisted in the Artillery but was transferred to the 201st Aero Squadron, and still later, to the 210th Aero Squadron of the United States Army. He was discharged in July, 1919, with the rank of sergeant. He then entered his father's law office and finished his training there, being admitted to the Maryland bar in January, 1921. He was associated with his father in the practice of law under the firm name of Henry & Henry until the death of his father, on July 5, 1940. He then became associated with William D. Gould in the firm of Henry & Gould, a partnership which lasted until 1943 when Judge Henry was appointed to the Dorchester County Circuit Court, of the First Judicial Circuit of Maryland. In 1946 he was elected to this office for a term of fifteen years, and he is now chief justice. Judge Henry was formerly a director of the Cambridge Manufacturing



Company, and is a member of the board of directors of the County Trust Company. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Maryland Bar Association, and he also belongs to the American Legion and the Cambridge Yacht Club, Country Club, and Lions Club. He formerly served as a vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church, and is a director of the library board, a director of Cambridge Hospital, and is always active in the support of every good cause. Judge Henry is a Democrat. His favorite hobbies are reading and fishing.

He married (first) in April, 1926 Leone Fell, of Cambridge, Maryland, who died in March, 1940. He married (second) on November 5, 1942 Lucretia Weir, of Cambridge, Maryland.

**JOHN E. JACOB, JR.**—One of the younger lawyers of the Eastern Shore, John E. Jacob, Jr., opened up a law office in Salisbury in 1940, after practicing for about a year and a half in Baltimore. His legal career was interrupted by World War II, during which he spent three and a half years in the United States Navy. Since his return to civilian life he has again taken up his practice in Salisbury, where he has also identified himself with community affairs.

John E. Jacob, Jr., was born in Baltimore County on October 8, 1915, the son of John Edwin and Emma Evans (Williams) Jacob, both now deceased. Mr. Jacob's father was manager of the Baltimore branch of the National Radiator Corporation; his maternal forebears were all natives of the Eastern Shore.

John E. Jacob, Jr., attended the public schools of Baltimore, graduating from Baltimore City College. He then entered the University of Maryland and after taking a general course, became a student in the University of Maryland Law School, graduating in the class of 1938 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the Maryland bar the same year. For about a year and a half he practiced in Baltimore and then, in 1940, came to Salisbury and opened an office on Bond Street, where he conducted a general law practice until he went into the United States Navy during World War II. He was commissioned as an ensign in May, 1942 and reported for active duty July 1, 1942. He saw service in the South and Central Pacific, and after three and a half years in the United States Navy was discharged on February 1, 1946, with the rank of lieutenant. He then returned to Salisbury and re-opened his law office where he has practiced since that time. He is considered one of the coming lawyers of the region. Mr. Jacob belongs to the Phi Delta Theta and Gamma Eta Gamma fraternities, and he is affiliated with Salisbury Lodge No. 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Salisbury Exchange Club and the Salisbury Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which he is past president. He also served as president of the Maryland State Junior Chamber of Commerce during 1947-1948, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

He married, on April 5, 1940, at Salisbury, Thasia Maria Biron, the daughter of Dr. J. Harry and Helen (Hockensteiner) Biron of Salisbury.

**LESTER COLLINS TINGLE**, cashier of the County Trust Company of Maryland at Salisbury, has been associated with that institution for thirty-one years. Mr. Tingle is also a stockholder and assistant secretary of the parent company, and is very well liked in Salisbury and the surrounding countryside. He is always ready to lend his support to any project for the welfare of his city and county.

Lester Collins Tingle was born May 15, 1901 in Wicomico County, the son of Zeno and Sallie H. (Workman) Tingle, both now deceased, the father a farmer and mechanic in Wicomico County. He attended the elementary schools in Wicomico County and Delmar, Delaware, High School, after which he took a night commercial course at the Beacom Business College of Wilmington, Delaware, in their Salisbury college. On August 12, 1918, he entered the employ of the County Trust Company of Maryland at Salisbury. After holding various posts, he was made cashier, a position he holds at the present time. Mr. Tingle has the reputation of being courteous to every one and has made many friends for the bank, as well as for himself. He has held only one position all his business life, in actuality, adding to his duties from time to time or changing the outward details but continuing in the same devoted service to the same institution, throughout thirty-one years.

Mr. Tingle is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He belongs to the Salisbury Lions Club, and is prominently identified with the Asbury Methodist Church, serving as a member of the Board of Trustees, and Church Treasurer. His political ties are with the Democratic party.

He married on November 11, 1924 at Salisbury, Mildred Frances Ward, the daughter of Elihu L. and Maude V. (Webb) Ward, he being a shipbuilder in Pocomoke City and Salisbury.

**RUSSELL PHILLIP SMITH** has been register of wills in Dorchester County for nearly forty years, having been elected to this office for no less than nine terms in succession, the last time without any opposition. Mr. Smith has had a rich and varied life with a host of interests. His real love is farming; he has farmed practically all his life and now has two farms with an aggregate of six hundred acres. He has given devoted service to Farm Bureau work as well as to many civic projects in Cambridge and in Dorchester County.

He was born in Linkwood, in Dorchester County, on August 14, 1877, the son of Edward P. and Mary Elizabeth (Cantville) Smith, both natives of Dorchester County and both now deceased. Edward P. Smith was a farmer of this region.

Russell Phillip Smith received his education in the local public schools and in Goldey Business College. Until he was twenty-two years old he farmed on his parents' farm. He then went to work in the cannery of James Wallace & Son. In 1900 he took a commercial course at the Goldey Business College and then returned to James Wallace & Son to do office work. He continued in the employ of this concern until it was sold in January, 1903, and remained with the successor until March 1, 1904. On March 15 he opened a men's furnishings store with Fred F. Stevens in Cambridge, under the firm name of Stevens & Smith & Company. On December 1, 1909 he was elected register of wills for Dorchester County on the Democratic ticket, and he has been re-elected to this office nine consecutive times, the last time with no opposition. Mr. Smith sold out his interest in the men's clothing store on February 1, 1916. However, he has continually maintained his interest in farming, and has had extensive farming interests during all these years, sometimes owning five or six farms. He now owns two farms with a total of six hundred acres, and raises melons and other truck crops as well as grain. In 1937 he began to fatten Angus Aberdeen beef





*J. H. Culver*



cattle and has had from ten to thirty Angus Aberdeens ever since. He has been very active in the work of the Farm Bureau and has served as supervisor of the Dorchester County soil conservation district, and for several years he was director of the Dorchester County Production Credit Association. He is an active Democrat, and has in the past served as chairman of the State Central Committee.

Mr. Smith is a past president of the Cambridge Manufacturing Company. He has been a member of the Rescue Fire Company since 1908, and served as its president for twenty years. He is also a past president and past treasurer of the Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association. During World War I he was active on all Liberty Loan drives, and he has served as president of the local Red Cross organization. He is a leading member of St. Paul's Methodist Church, and has served as chairman of its official board. Fraternally, he has been affiliated since 1900 with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has been a member of Cambridge Lodge, Number 66, Free and Accepted Masons since 1918, and for many years also a member of Lodge Number 1217, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Few citizens of Dorchester County have more friends in a wide variety of fields of interest than has Mr. Smith. His hobbies are progressive farming and horse racing, but he has the faculty of entering wholeheartedly into whatever he does and making himself a part of it.

He married (first) on November 25, 1906, Nellie Ruth Phillips, who died on November 27, 1916. He married (second) Leila Goldsborough Brannock, at Cambridge, Maryland, on June 29, 1918. By the first marriage Mr. Smith is the father of three children: 1. Wallace Phillips, now a practicing dentist in Cambridge; he married (first) Evalyn Adams and they had one child, Wallace Phillips, Jr.; he married (second) Rebecca Stewart, and they have one child, Sandra Stewart. 2. Anna, a registered nurse; she married Phillip H. Rue, and they have two children, Phillip Smith, and Ronald Lee. 3. Grace Brannock, who married Rev. Edward Alexander Dougherty of Clayton, Delaware, and they have one child, Edward Alexander, Jr. By his second marriage, Russell P. and Leila Goldsborough (Brannock) Smith are the parents of the following children: 4. Russell Phillip, Jr., a dentist who practices in Cambridge in association with his brother Wallace Phillips Smith; he married Betty Le Compte, and they have two children, Russell Phillip, III, and Barry Le Compte. 5. Bayly Edward, a lineman with the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company; he married Jane Margaret Meekins, and they have one child, Bayly Edward, Jr. 6. Edward Phillip, a student in the local schools.

**JOHN HANDY CULVER** has since April, 1947, been in charge of Oldsmobile sales and service, with showrooms on Salisbury Boulevard in Salisbury. He was born January 12, 1907, in Delmar, Delaware, the son of John W. and Elizabeth Ellen Culver, his father being a dairyman and an owner of peach orchards in Delaware.

He attended both the Delmar and the Laurel high schools, and became a student at the University of Delaware, but later transferred to William and Mary College, from which he graduated in 1929. In September of that year, Mr. Culver became associated with the General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Washington, D. C., as field representative, transferred to Baltimore in October, 1930, and continued to 1943. He was promoted in 1946 to the post of branch

manager at Salisbury. Mr. Culver was in the Salisbury office of the General Motors Acceptance Corporation until 1947, when he took over the agency for the Oldsmobile sales and service in Salisbury, and on April 16, 1947 he opened up for business on Salisbury Boulevard, where he has a handsome showroom and a well-equipped repair shop. During World War II Mr. Culver interrupted his business career for war work, and spent three years as supervisor of material and production control with the Eastern Aircraft Division of General Motors in Baltimore, being transferred to this work from the General Motors Acceptance Corporation and returned to it at the end of the war effort. He is a member of the Lions Club of Salisbury, and is affiliated with Lodge No. 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and also with Kappa Alpha fraternity. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is a member of the Episcopal Church.

He married at Baltimore on February 22, 1936 Virginia Harper, the daughter of John and Bessie (Owens) Harper. Mr. and Mrs. Culver have two children: 1. John H. Culver, Jr., born October 10, 1937. 2. Ann Elizabeth, born February 7, 1941.

**WALTER T. ANDREWS**—Since boyhood, Walter T. Andrews, of Cambridge, has been increasingly familiar with agriculture as practiced on the lower Eastern Shore of Maryland. His knowledge, combined with plenty of enterprise and hard work, have brought him substantial success without any seeking of fortune or larger opportunities in other places in the state.

Born in Dorchester County, in the Andrews section, on December 4, 1886, and named for an ancestor, he is the son of William Thomas and Catherine (Stewart) Andrews, both natives of Dorchester County, and both now deceased. His father ran a general store, and this was the first line of business that the son entered. When the latter was about sixteen years of age, he came with the older man to combine forces in the operation of a general store on the corner of Race and Robbins streets.

After six years of commerce in Cambridge, Walter T. Andrews quit to go on a farm at Salem, Maryland, where he remained for about ten years, during which time he learned a great deal about agriculture, from seed planting to marketing. He also entered the tomato packing business with his brother William P. Andrews. His next move was to go with Leonard and Dean, cannerymen at Salem, for a year, after which he rebuilt a plant for this company on the Little Blackwater. This he operated until 1932 when, despite the financial depression in our country at large, he had the courage to engage in business for himself on the Church Creek Road, two miles from Cambridge. Here he has continued his operations since that year, now having a complete and modernly equipped plant, a general store and a small farm. He packs tomatoes in season under the trade name of "Cardinal Brand," and operates under the name of Walter T. Andrews & Son. His store fills a very definite local need. His farm is utilized mainly for the growing of some of the feed on which he fattens from thirty to forty head of beef cattle annually. Until the last few years he has done a lively business in selling mules and horses, mainly in the spring of the year.

Mr. Andrews considers himself fortunate in having sons that have liked the same sort of things that the father has done and continues to do. The oldest son is associated with him in business; his other son, recently out of the United States Army, he has started off

by purchasing a partnership for him in the Longwood Canning Company, in Talbot County. Mr. Andrews, the senior, has long taken a progressive interest in civic affairs, and has filled several public offices, and is a member of the Dorchester County Commission and of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. He is a staunch Democrat. His friends are many and he is a welcomed addition to any gathering, if for no other reason than his philosophy of life is that knowing how to live is more important than making a living. He is an exemplar of success in both fields.

On April 29, 1908, Walter T. Andrews married Clara May Le Compte, born at Salem, Dorchester County on August 7, 1887, the daughter of Stephen O. and Clara (Brohawn) Le Compte. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are the parents of two sons: 1. T. Le Compte, born in Cambridge, graduated from local schools and a business college, and now associated in business with his father; he married Dorothea Lea Marshall, born at Cambridge, Maryland, March 22, 1913, and they have one child: Darryl, born at Cambridge, May 25, 1935. 2. W. Stewart, born in Cambridge, graduated from local schools; served during World War II with the 21st Car Company, United States Army; now a partner in the Longwood Canning Company; he married Jeannette McSauley, and they have one child, Stewart Michael, born at Cambridge, Maryland, May 27, 1948.

**JAMES A. McALLISTER** has been practicing law in Cambridge for the past quarter of a century.

He was born in Cambridge on February 25, 1901, the son of Benjamin and Susan Elizabeth (Geoghegan) McAllister, his father for many years conducting a drugstore in that town. After attending the public schools of Cambridge, Mr. McAllister was a student at the University of Virginia in 1919 and 1920, transferring to the University of Maryland, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1923. He has practiced his profession in Cambridge since that time.

Mr. McAllister was elected State's Attorney for Dorchester County in 1926 and was re-elected in 1930, serving eight years in that position. From 1928 to 1934 he also served as chairman of the Republican state central committee for Dorchester County and was attorney to the Dorchester County Commissioners from 1932 to 1934. In 1934 he was the unsuccessful candidate of his party for the office of Chief Judge of the First Judicial Circuit. Since 1935 he has served as attorney to the Dorchester County Board of Education, and since 1937 has acted as attorney for the Phillips Packing Company, food manufacturers of Cambridge. Under appointment by Republican Governor Harry W. Nice, from 1935 to 1938, Mr. McAllister was a member of the Maryland Commission on Interstate Compacts, and was a member of the Maryland Interstate Commission on Crime in 1942 and 1943, under appointment by Democratic Governor Herbert R. O'Connor.

During World War II, Mr. McAllister served as a member of the Dorchester County draft board from 1941 to 1943, and as appeal agent for the same board from 1943 to 1946. He also acted as Dorchester County hearing agent for the Office of Price Administration from 1943 to 1945, and was Dorchester County chairman of the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth war loan campaigns.

Mr. McAllister is a member of the American Bar Association, the Maryland Bar Association and the

Dorchester County Bar Association, currently serving as vice president of the last named organization. He is a communicant of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, of Cambridge, and served as a member of the Vestry of Great Choptank Parish from 1935 to 1947, acting as Parish registrar for the last ten years of that period. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Phi Kappa Sigma, college fraternity, and with Cambridge Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Hayward Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Zabud Council, Royal and Select Masters; Cambridge Commandery, Knights Templar; Past Masters Association of Caroline and Dorchester counties; and Cambridge Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Always interested in outdoor sports, he is a member of the Cambridge Country Club, as well as of the Cambridge Yacht Club, and in the days of the original Eastern Shore League of professional baseball clubs served as secretary of the league from 1924 to 1927, when the organization disbanded. He was president of a semi-professional Eastern Shore league in 1928.

On January 10, 1925, he married Agnes Houston Phelps, daughter of Joseph W. and Margaret (Spence) Phelps, of Cambridge. Mrs. McAllister also has been active in the community, devoting much time to the Parent Teacher Association in the Cambridge public schools. Her efforts had much to do with the installation of a hot lunch system at several of the schools, and the completion of plans for the erection of the present Cambridge Junior High School building. She has been active in affairs of the Cambridge Women's Club, and in the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving as regent of Dorset Chapter of the latter organization from 1944 to 1947.

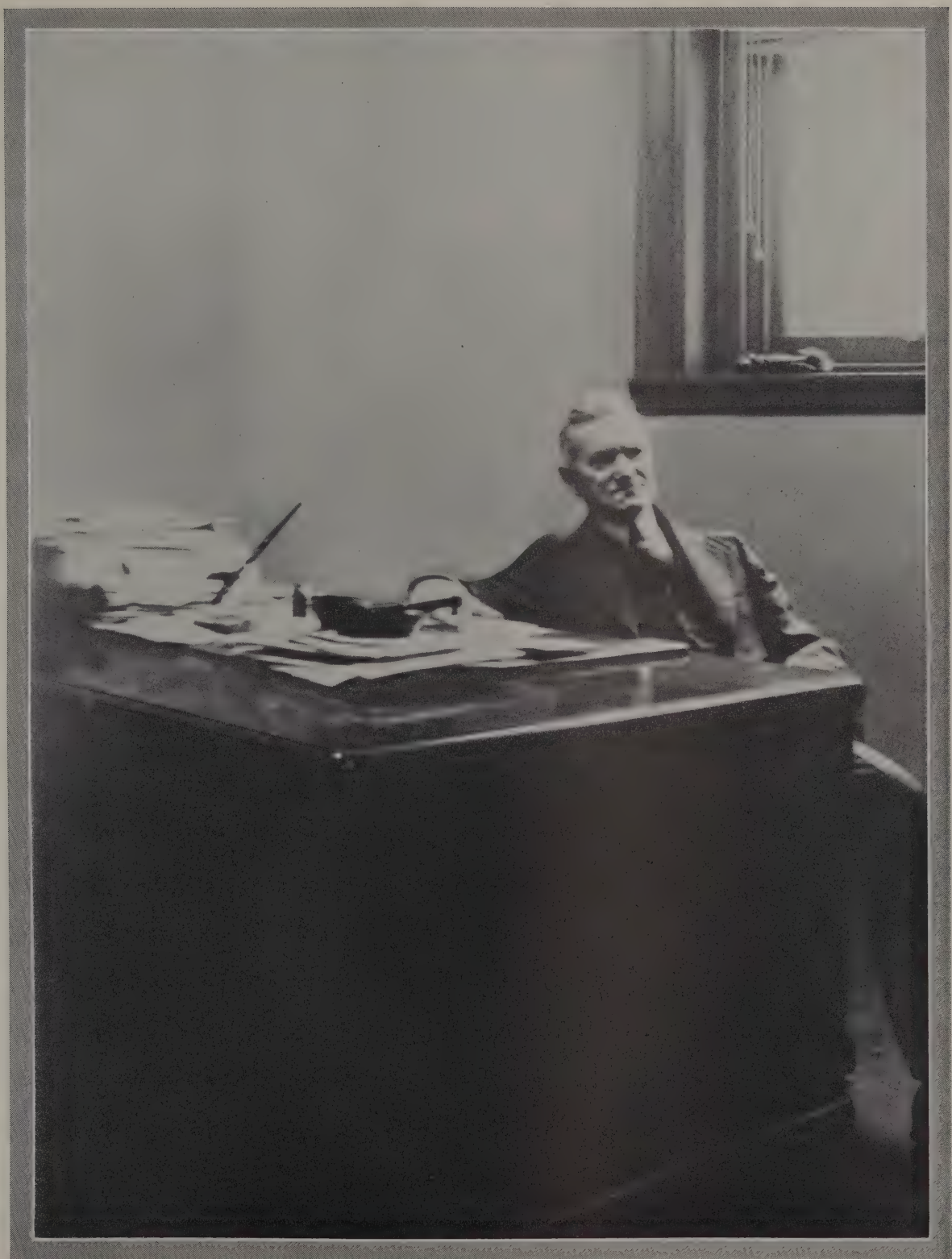
Mr. and Mrs. McAllister are the parents of three children: 1. James Allen McAllister, Jr., a graduate of Cambridge High School and Gilman Country School, of Baltimore, who was a student at Princeton University when called into military service, being assigned to the Military Government branch of the United States Army and finally discharged as a staff sergeant following service in Korea. Since his discharge from service he has resumed his studies and is expecting to enter the University of Maryland Law School at the opening of its 1948 session. 2. William Wallace McAllister, a graduate of Cambridge High School and a student at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. 3. Joseph McAllister, a student in the Cambridge public schools.

**WALTER B. JOHNSON** is cashier of the National Bank of Cambridge, and also a director of the bank. He takes an active part in community affairs.

He was born in Cambridge on October 6, 1913, the son of Walter B. and Reba L. (Fleming) Johnson, the former, now deceased, a native of Dorchester County, the latter a native of Wilmington, Delaware. Walter B. Johnson was president of the National Bank of Cambridge.

Walter B. Johnson, the younger, was educated in the public schools of Cambridge and Strayer's Business College. At the age of nineteen he entered the employ of the National Bank of Cambridge in the capacity of clerk. In 1936 he was made assistant cashier, and in 1941, he became cashier, a post he has held ever since. He is also a member of the board of directors. On January 1, 1942, Mr. Johnson entered the service of the United States Army with the Seventy-fifth Coastal Artillery Corps. He was dis-





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charged on October 19, 1945, with the rank of technical sergeant, and upon returning to civilian life again took up his duties at the National Bank of Cambridge. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and he also belongs to the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, and the Cambridge Country Club. He is a member of the Yacht Club and at the present time is serving as its treasurer. Mr. Johnson is a registered Democrat, and his church affiliations are with the Zionist Methodist Church. His hobbies are golf, and oil painting.

He married on August 14, 1939, Elizabeth Moore, the daughter of M. and Nettie T. Moore.

**NORMAN MOTT SHANNAHAN**—As president of the Shannahan Artesian Well Co., Inc., Norman Mott Shannahan heads what is reputed to be the largest well-drilling firm on the Eastern Shore. Few men in the business have such an extensive experience, both as regards the length of time he has engaged in it, and in the number and size of companies that he has served.

Mr. Shannahan was born on a farm near Easton, Talbot County, Maryland, on April 21, 1879, son of S. Kelly and Mary (Riffe) Shannahan. His father was a native of Talbot County, his mother of Minnesota. The son as a boy worked with J. H. K. Shannahan at drilling wells, and thus began what was to be his vocation over a long period. Early he began to show a mechanical genius that was exceptionally useful in the processes of drilling, especially with equipment that was inadequate for the work to be done. This and other qualities impressed his elders and it was not long before Norman Mott Shannahan was admitted as a partner in the firm that was incorporated in 1904 as the J. H. K. Shannahan Well Drilling Company, of St. Michaels.

Since 1935 the corporate designation has been changed to its present form, the Shannahan Artesian Well Co., Inc., over which Mr. Shannahan has presided for some time. This concern has put down wells all over Maryland, parts of Virginia and Delaware, and has done this type of work for such firms as the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, the Chemical Pigment Company, National Distillers and many other companies. In addition to being mechanically gifted he possesses the qualities that have made his leadership and direction widely successful and have proved their worth in his association with employees and clients.

Mr. Shannahan is president of the St. Michaels Bank and of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission, and was one of the four men who built the later company. Influential in politics, he was chairman of the Maryland State Central Democratic Committee for several years. During the war he served on the gas rationing board, and for some time has been a member of the Talbot County Welfare Board. Externally Mr. Shannahan is a member of Miller Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and is a member of the Miles River Yacht Club. He attends the St. Michaels Protestant Episcopal Church, where he acts as a vestryman and is treasurer of the parish.

Norman Mott Shannahan married (first), August 8, 1906, Sadie Thompson, and they were the parents of a daughter: i. Ida, graduate of local schools and Drexel Institute, Philadelphia. She married Calvin Caulk, and is the mother of two sons: i. James Calvin. ii. Robert F.

Mr. Shannahan married (second), April 29, 1911, Ethel Valliant of St. Michaels, daughter of John and Esther (Mulinaux) Valliant, of New York State. Mr.

and Mrs. Shannahan are the parents of the following children: 2. Norman Mott, Jr., a graduate of local schools, and now associated with his father in business. He married Marion Ferguson of Royal Oak, and they have three children: i. Norman Mott, III. ii. John Ferguson. iii. Mary Jane. 3. Samuel Valliant, a graduate of local schools, now associated in business with his father. He married Miss Harrison of Claibourne, and they have three children: i. Samuel Valliant, Jr. ii. Dashiells Jesse. iii. Eleanor. 4. Mary Jane, who died at the age of twenty-two years.

**DANIEL HUGHES LeCOMPTE**—Banking and insurance have engaged the attention of Daniel Hughes LeCompte since he entered the business world. He won his way to an important office in banking, and in more recent years has become outstanding in real estate and insurance. A native of St. Michaels, Talbot County, he was educated in its schools and the whole of his business career has been identified with this community.

Born on April 26, 1905, Daniel Hughes LeCompte is the son of Nicholas M. and Anna (Bloodsworth) LeCompte, both natives of St. Michaels. As already indicated, as a youth he entered the County Trust Company of Maryland, in a minor capacity; was teller for some years and when he resigned after fifteen years' connection with the Trust Company was assistant cashier. In 1942 Mr. LeCompte entered the realty business under the trade name of LeCompte and Wales. This firm has been most successful in its field of operations and has attained a reputation that is far wider than local in character. Mr. LeCompte is a member of the board of directors of the County Trust Company. He acts as secretary of the St. Michaels Rotary Club, in which he is an active member. Fond of sports general and particular, he is vice commodore of the Miles River Yacht Club. In politics he is a Democrat and serves as judge of elections. He attends Christ Episcopal Church.

On October 31, 1928, Daniel Hughes LeCompte married Dorothy Hayward Bailey, daughter of Julien F. and Margaret (Mitchell) Bailey of Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. LeCompte are the parents of one child: Julien Hughes, born July 28, 1933, a student in local schools.

**PHILIP FRANKEL**—To Philip Frankel, arrival in America represented the stepping-stone to opportunity. He arrived here at the age of seventeen, a young man of ideas coming to a land where they could best be put into practice. He has shown an initiative and energy which has brought him success in several lines of endeavor. At present he heads an organization, known as P. Frankel, Incorporated, which, starting out with the selling of ladies' dresses, has become a complete family outfitter in the clothing line.

Mr. Frankel is a native of Poland, being born in Kolno, on April 11, 1884, the son of Nathan and Minnie (Dinnenson) Frankel. He was educated in his native land, attending Rabbinical College, and was brought to this country by his parents in 1900. He first learned the cigar-making trade, but was spurred to enterprise of his own, and in 1908 entered that business for himself.

His business efforts changed direction, however, when, in 1914 he went into the manufacturing business with his brother, making motorcycle parts. In 1918 they concentrated on automobile parts as

having a better future, and shortly afterwards began to make crystal radio sets. Their firm was known as the Wellworth Automotive Corporation. The young men were pioneers in the production of the electric radio, for in 1924-25 they held the patents for the production of such sets. After one year spent in the production of a first sample, they gave a demonstration of their model for the press in New York City. However, the mass production of this particular model did not seem feasible, nor its future promising, and the brothers returned the patent to its inventor.

In 1931 Philip Frankel terminated his connection with this firm, and once again launched into a new enterprise for himself. Choosing as a location the city of Cambridge, he started a small store dealing in ladies' garments. The business has enjoyed rapid and steady growth and its scope has enlarged to include the entire clothing line. Recently, his organization moved into a modern building in Cambridge which had been designed especially for it and built to Mr. Frankel's own specifications. It is now recognized as one of the most progressive businesses in the community.

Mr. Frankel has been active in civic affairs. During World War II he served as member of the aircraft warning service of the Civilian Defense organization. He is a director of the Salvation Army, and of the Cambridge Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is also a director of the Community Concert Association, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the Rotary, and to the Cambridge Country Club, and is a loyal Democrat. He has a profound interest in books and reading.

Philip Frankel was married in May, 1922. His wife, the former Rebecca Pressner, is Austrian by birth, and was brought to the United States at the age of six months. Mr. and Mrs. Frankel are the parents of three daughters: 1. Gertrude, who is married to Paul B. Radin; she is advertising manager for Eagle Lion, a subsidiary of an English motion picture producing company. 2. Beatrice, who, after graduation from local schools attended Lititz and Blackstone colleges. During World War II she served as a staff sergeant in the United States Marines, and is now appearing on the stage, having begun her career by starring in several plays under the name of Bea Arthur. 3. Marion Kay has attended William and Mary College and New York University, and is now in the editorial department of a large publishing firm.

**WILLIAM THOMAS HOLLAND**—Active in an amazing variety of business enterprises, William T. Holland has led a spectacular business career in Salisbury. A large part of this career parallels that of his brother, S. Norman Holland (q.v.). Since 1943 he has been engaged in the operation of his farm, has founded the Edgewood Pipe and Block Company, and has served as chairman of the Victor Lynn Lines. However, his chief concern currently is his extensive poultry business.

Born September 14, 1892 at Mount Vernon, Maryland, William Thomas Holland is the son of William Thomas and Laura Elizabeth (Barbon) Holland. His father was engaged in farming, canning and lumbering interests; and after his education at the public schools and Princess Anne High School, and at Beacom Business College in Salisbury, Mr. Holland joined his father in these varied activities, continuing thus until 1926 when, becoming associated with his

brother S. Norman Holland, he was active in the founding of the Pocahontas Coal Company.

This venture which was to prove so successful began modestly enough in half an office rented from the National Concrete Vault Company. Within a year and a half, more space had become necessary, and the brothers purchased an unused building owned by the Wilson Paddle Factory, which is still a part of the firm's general office. A single cart and horse were sufficient to make their first deliveries, which today are taken care of by a full fleet of modern trucks servicing the entire city and many points on the peninsula. They added a gravel business during the second year of operation, and since then continuously augmented their line of stock throughout the duration of William T. Holland's connection with the firm. All building materials, excepting lumber and bricks, were added to the line.

The year 1930 saw the formation of the Pocahontas Transportation Company, with four ocean-going freighters plying as far north as New York and as far south as Florida. These ships were five hundred, four hundred, three hundred, and two hundred and fifty tons in weight. During World War II, the government confiscated three of the ships as being vital to the war effort, and the shipping aspect of the business was discontinued.

Since 1927 the company has been the agent for the well-known "Iron Fireman," which provides firing control for power heating plants and homes, assuring complete automatic regulation of the heating system. Year by year the firm's interests continued to expand. The Adkins wharf property was added to its holdings in 1932, and used for the storage of sand and gravel. The firm entered the fuel oil business in 1933, installing large storage tanks, and adding to their equipment a fleet of delivery trucks. The transportation interests, as referred to above, were begun in 1930, and April of 1934 saw the purchase of "The Pocahontas," a one-hundred-twenty-three-foot power boat. A large warehouse was built in 1936, adjacent to the Pocahontas plant. This was later leased to Terminal Warehouse, Incorporated, then to Martin and Schwartz, pump manufacturers.

Still another more recent aspect of the business, and one which made great strides in recent years, was the Ready-Mix Concrete service. It requires the use of a fleet of six large trucks, each with a capacity of three cubic yards, plus all needed facilities for weighing and grading. This product has found increasing acceptance in construction work throughout the region.

The Holland brothers entered at various times into a wide variety of business ventures, with an impressive record of profitable operation. They first offered to the public the "Quality Products" line, which interest was later bought out by the William B. Tilghman Company. They bought the old Jackson Shirt Factory building and grounds, later sold to the McCloskey-Grant Corporation. Of particular value to the public in these current days is their effort in home development. Early in the 1930s they laid out and developed a realty project called Forest Lane, located in the Camden section. They were, in addition, owners for a time of the holdings of the Salisbury Shipbuilding Company. Concerning the cumulative effect of these well-managed enterprises on the community, the local press once appraised:

Salisbury is richer in initiative, in the employment of labor and the marketing of worthwhile commodities by their coming . . .







*H. J. Holland Jr.*



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With keen foresight and unusual business acumen, they have seen and seized opportunity in many fields, overlooked by others; and with indefatigable energy have successfully developed them.

When, in December of 1943, William T. Holland retired from the Pocahontas Coal Company and its affiliated enterprises, his interest was taken over by S. Norman Holland. Retiring for the time being from business activities, he engaged in the operation of his two hundred and fifty acre farm, and continues in its management to the present time. Specializing in poultry raising, Mr. Holland owns at the present time over six thousand laying hens.

It was unlike William T. Holland, however, to remain entirely out of business enterprises, which had occupied so much of his attention in past years and rewarded him so well. In 1946 he formed the Edgewood Pipe and Block Company, Incorporated, located on his farm in Wicomico County near Salisbury. In 1947 he turned over his interest in this company to his son, William Thomas Holland, Jr., who had recently returned from overseas service, and to Mrs. June Holland Andrews and Mrs. Jean Holland Potter, who are jointly conducting its affairs to the present time. Mr. Holland has once again withdrawn from active business, with the exception that he is chairman of the Victor Lynn Lines, Inc. He is active in the Lions Club, and also as a member of the Asbury Methodist Church.

On January 2, 1917, at Mount Vernon, William Thomas Holland married Jane Kirivan, daughter of Captain John L. and Julia (Furniss) Kirivan. Mr. and Mrs. Holland are the parents of three children: 1. William Thomas, Jr., who was born January 24, 1918. During World War II he served overseas with the 24th Armored Engineers, 4th Division, Third Army, and held the rank of master sergeant. He was in action in central Europe, and spent a total of twenty-one months overseas, after four months of Army training. He is currently associated with the Edgewood Pipe and Block Company. Married to the former Dorothy Sibley of Richmond, Virginia, he is the father of one child, Linda Carol, born September 2, 1945, at Richmond, Virginia. 2. Constance June, born June 19, 1923, at Mount Vernon, Maryland. She is married to Charles Andrews of Deals Island, and has two children, Charles, Jr., born April 2, 1944, and Gene Gordon, born September 3, 1946. 3. Erma Jean, born May 16, 1927, at Salisbury, Maryland, married Weldon Potter of Cambridge.

**THOMAS NELSON KAY**—For some time Thomas Nelson Kay has been prominent as a business man in Elkton, and has added to this record a laudable one of civic service.

Born July 28, 1907, at Elk Mills, Mr. Kay was the son of Alfred Thomas and Hattie Virginia (Moore) Kay, both of whom were natives of Elk Mills. The senior Mr. Kay had developed the textile mills at that place. In addition to Thomas Nelson, they had one other child, Hilda Bell, who married Howard Reed; they became the parents of a daughter, Pauline, a graduate nurse.

The great-grandfather of Thomas Nelson Kay came to America from Bolton, England, in 1849.

Mr. Kay's education was begun in the public schools of Elk Mills, and he graduated from the Elkton High School in 1926. During the summer months he worked for his father in the textile mill. He attended Tome School for Boys for one year, then entered the University of Maryland. While a

freshman in college he played football, and this athletic interest continued in post-college days, when he entered the field of professional baseball with the Baltimore Orioles.

On returning to Elk Mills, he entered the textile mills again, working there until 1936, when he moved to North East and entered business as a dealer in farm implements and feeds. In 1947 he moved his business to Elkton.

Mr. Kay entered political life in 1942, being elected assistant county treasurer of Cecil County. This post he held until December, 1946, by which time he had been elected to the board of commissioners of Cecil County. This board then elected him its president.

Active in fraternal life, Mr. Kay is both a Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs to the Democratic party. His church is the Methodist of Elk Mills, and he has served as superintendent of its Sunday school for over twenty years. He is a member of its board of trustees, and a steward.

On May 19, 1931, at the Methodist Church in North East, Maryland, he married Evelyn Preston, a native of that place. She was a graduate of Towson Normal College, and had received her degree of Master of Arts from Columbia University. She is at present the principal of the Elkton elementary schools.

**SAMUEL W. LINTHICUM**, better known among his neighbors about Lloyds, Maryland, as "Captain Sam," had a colorful career before locating in this community, to produce wheat, corn and tomatoes on his extensive acreage, and to engage at the same time in such varied lines of business as road contracting, and hardware retailing. He has led a full life and his later years have seen no abatement in his activities.

A native of Dorchester County, he was born October 31, 1873, son of Jeremiah and Sarah (Woolford) Linthicum, the latter a daughter of Stephen and Mary Woolford. His father was a farmer, but Sam Linthicum did not in his early years take to this way of life, and after public schooling went to work for Skinner Brothers at four dollars per month. He was then an enterprising young man of fourteen years, but even the greatest of enterprise was faced in those days with the most insurmountable economic realities. After four years, his salary was raised to five dollars per month, and in the face of such progress it is not surprising that the next year he went aboard one of the company's schooners, where the monthly pay amounted to twelve dollars. He showed promise, and at twenty-one was put in command of the "E. M. Skinner" and sailed as her skipper for five years. He then bought his own vessel which he operated for four years.

Now having made the best out of an initially unlikely situation, he had saved enough to invest in a farm. The Indian Ridge Farm, at Lloyds, he bought on September 21, 1903, and this farm he still owns and operates. During the intervening years he has rounded out his life with other responsibilities and other interests. But Indian Ridge Farm has throughout those years been not only his home but his chief means of livelihood.

Today its two hundred and sixty-five acres are operated in accordance with the most modern procedures. Wheat, corn and tomatoes have always been the chief crops, although of late years considerable attention

has been given to the threshing of grass seeds. As an adjunct to the operation of the farm, there is a sawmill which does a large volume of business.

For the past twenty years, Mr. Linthicum has engaged also in road contracting, and has, indeed, built most of the present-day roads in this section of the country. This enterprise became incorporated in 1940, when Mr. Linthicum took his son into business with him; and they have conducted their activities since that time under the firm name of S. W. Linthicum and Son. Mr. Linthicum is also prominent in many other business activities of the Eastern Shore. He is a director of the Phillips Hardware Company, of the Cambridge Manufacturing Company, and of the Dorchester County Farm Bureau, and a trustee of the public schools. Though he does not at present participate in club or fraternal affairs, he was formerly a member of the Rotary Club. His church is the Beckwith Methodist, which he serves as a steward.

For recreation, Mr. Linthicum prefers baseball. He "plays ball" in a community sense too. His kindly deeds have won him many friends, and among the citizens of Dorchester County, few are so generally known nor so well-liked as "Captain Sam."

On April 30, 1907, Samuel W. Linthicum married Ethel Dawson of Castle Haven, daughter of Dr. John Dawson. They are the parents of two children: 1. Sarah, a graduate of Cambridge High School, and of Washington College, she taught school for six years prior to her marriage to Commander Francis Willard Richardson, United States Navy. They live in Washington, D. C. and have one child, Willard Dawson. 2. Samuel Dawson, who graduated from Cambridge High School, and Washington College, entered business with his father in 1940, and in 1942 joined the United States Navy, with the rank of lieutenant. He served as instructor in the Naval Air Corps. Married to Marjorie Willoughby, of Hurlock, he is the father of one daughter, Sharon.

**HARRY HOPKINS NUTTLE** was born at Andersontown, Caroline County, on April 30, 1885, son of Henry T. and Emma (Hopkins) Nuttle, both of whom are now deceased. The mother was a native of Kent County, Delaware. The father, a well-known farmer and canner, was also born at Andersontown, Caroline County. Harry Hopkins Nuttle went from high school to Dickinson College, in Pennsylvania, where he was graduated with the class of 1906, a Bachelor of Philosophy. For excellence of academic work he received a Phi Beta Kappa Key, and was also a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

After teaching in the Wesley Collegiate Institute, at Dover, Delaware, and in the High School at Federalsburg, Maryland, Mr. Nuttle went into Young Men's Christian Association work for about two years. In 1910, however, he returned to Caroline County to become associated with his father in canning and farming. In 1912 he built a cannery at Heckman which he continues to operate. A sawmill at Andersontown was another enterprise which he operated. In 1916 he purchased his first farm. Currently he owns eight hundred and eighty acres on which he grows wheat, corn, and some general crops.

Mr. Nuttle has been active in various fields of business. In 1925 he joined the board of directors of the Peoples Bank of Denton, was named vice presi-

dent of the institution in 1937, was elected president in 1946, and as such has served to the present writing. Mr. Nuttle is especially active in co-operative and national agricultural organizations. He was chairman of the A.A.A. Committee in Maryland from 1936 to 1941; director of the Maryland Farm Bureau from 1932 to 1934, when he was elected vice president, and acted as president from 1935 to 1938; was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation, 1937-1944; was a director of the Southern States Co-operative, since 1938, and its president from 1944 to 1947. Since its inception in 1938, he has been a director and official of the Choptank Electrical Co-operative of R.E.A.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Nuttle was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, 1914-1915; and was a State Senator from 1918 to 1921, inclusive. A vigorous supporter of education, he was a member of the Board of Regents, University of Maryland, from 1935 to 1941, and again from 1943 to the present. Fraternally he is affiliated with Nanticoke Lodge No. 172, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; member of Edenton Chapter, No. 36, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is a Past High Priest; member of Chesapeake Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar, and of Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Nuttle is active in the Denton Rotary Club, of which he is a former president. He is a member of the Concord Methodist Church, and has served as superintendent of its Sunday school for two decades. In 1928 he was delegate from the Wilmington Conference to the General Conference of the Church. His recreations are reading and organization work.

On December 5, 1914, Harry Hopkins Nuttle married Zora Joslin, of Sudlersville, Maryland, daughter of Charles L. and Anoy (Gooden) Joslin, her father born in Templeville, and her mother a native of Willow Grove, Kent County. Mr. and Mrs. Nuttle have the following children: 1. Harry J., a graduate of Caroline High School, West Nottingham Academy and Dickinson College, graduating from the latter institution with the degree Bachelor of Philosophy, class of 1938. He served in the United States Navy Supply Department, World War II, was commissioned an ensign in 1940, attained the rank of lieutenant commander and was honorably discharged in 1946. He is now engaged as a merchant. Harry J. Nuttle married Elizabeth Campbell, of Salem, New Jersey. 2. Byron H., a graduate of Caroline High School and the University of Maryland, being graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science, class of 1947. He is now associated in business with his father. During World War II he served in the United States Army. He married Marianna Everngam.

**JOSEPH SPENCE PHELPS**—The name of Joseph Spence Phelps is familiar throughout the canning industry, as well as in the larger world of agriculture, for Mr. Phelps, with headquarters in Hurlock, Maryland, raises thirty to forty million tomato plants a year in Georgia and Maryland, besides operating the Ridgely Canning Company at Ridgely, Maryland. On his farm in Dorchester County, he grows not only tomatoes but also wheat and corn.

Mr. Phelps was born in Dorchester County, near Cambridge, on November 23, 1894, the son of Joseph W. and Margaret H. (Spence) Phelps. His father was a farmer in Dorchester County.

Mr. Phelps attended the elementary and high





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schools of Dorchester County, and then entered St. John's College in Annapolis. In 1912 he enlisted in the National Guard Company C, 1st. Regiment, when he was eighteen. On August 1st, 1917 he entered the Army as first lieutenant in Company C of the 115th Infantry, taking command of Company I about September 1918 of the same regiment. In World War I, he was promoted to captain after the war and commanded Company C of the newly organized 115th Infantry, February 3, 1920. He was seriously wounded in the Meuse-Argonne action and, because his wounds incapacitated him, was retired from the Army in 1919. For the next several years he spent his entire time in efforts to recover his health. He received divisional citation from the division commander—General Martin.

In 1929 Mr. Phelps entered the trucking business and gradually added to his fleet until the Phelps Trucking Company was operating throughout the eastern region of the Eastern Seaboard. In 1939 he sold this business. He had, in the meantime, begun to grow tomato plants in Florida and Georgia, and when he left the trucking industry devoted himself full time to the field in which he has been so successful. He now has five to six hundred acres in Georgia as well as three hundred sixty acres on his farm in Dorchester County. Altogether he grows about thirty or forty million tomato plants annually, and these he markets up and down the East Coast, and in the Middle West. He went into the canning business in 1942, operating as the Ridgely Canning Company at Ridgely. He cans tomatoes exclusively.

Mr. Phelps is active in all civic affairs in the county. He is a member of the American Legion, the Democratic party, and of Cambridge Lodge Number 66, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He was one of the organizers of the Lions Club of Hurlock and was the first president of that organization. He is also a former president of the Hurlock Chamber of Commerce. His church is the Episcopal. Mr. Phelps' hobby is the collecting of modern guns, and he has an outstanding collection of these, all of which he uses for his favorite sports of hunting, and skeet and trap shooting.

Mr. Phelps has been married twice. His first wife, who was Sophie Roberts of Cambridge, whom he married on June 23, 1917, was killed by lightning on June 13, 1920. His present wife is the former Mary Charles of Hurlock, whom he married on October 26, 1926.

**JOHN MERCER TERRELL**—The position of postmaster in Elkton is occupied by John Mercer Terrell, who also participates fully in the life of his community, in political events, and in organizational activities.

Mr. Terrell was born June 19, 1900, at Elkton, the son of John Hasson and Mary Elizabeth (Taylor) Terrell. John Hasson Terrell was a native of Elkton, who at one time served as clerk to the Cecil County Board of Commissioners, was later elected to that board, became county treasurer and a director of Elkton Bank and Trust Company, and in 1898 established his own firm, the John H. Terrell Insurance Agency. His wife was a native of Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of three children: 1. Hasson Taylor. 2. John Mercer. 3. William H.

John Mercer Terrell was educated in the public schools, where he was active in athletics. He participated in all sports. After graduation in 1920, he

became associated in his father's insurance business. In 1927 the firm's name was changed to the John H. Terrell and Son Insurance Agency.

Active in the support of his political beliefs, he was elected to the Cecil County Democratic State Central Committee in 1934 and again in 1938. He was appointed postmaster of Elkton in April, 1935, and in June, 1940 was appointed without term under Civil Service. He is a member of the national and state associations of postmasters, and a member and past president of the Rotary Club. He belongs also to the Cecil County Historical Association, and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

On June 12, 1933, John Mercer Terrell married Ethel Mildred Yontz, a native of Mountville, Pennsylvania. A graduate of Temple University, she was on the staff of the "Philadelphia Evening Bulletin" and later taught school in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. Mrs. Terrell has become the manager of the John H. Terrell and Son Insurance Agency.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell are the parents of one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who was born September 6, 1934.

**ROLAND EUGENE RUDE**—A man and leader of diversified interests, Roland Eugene Rude has contributed greatly to the development of St. Michaels, Talbot County, where he has had his home and business headquarters over most of his years. A staunch supporter of the community, he is active in spreading word of its advantages. His abilities have recently been drafted through his election as mayor, in which post he is making a most creditable record.

Born at Tilghman, Maryland, on October 30, 1909, Roland Eugene Rude is the son of Roland L. and Lillian B. (Mitchell) Rude, the mother a native of Oxford, Maryland, being a well-known matron who participates actively in numerous local affairs. Roland L. Rude was born in Virginia but lived for many years in Tilghman, Maryland. His business for the most part has been the drilling of wells, and he has consistently devoted much time to constructive citizenship. He was the son of Lawrence B. Rude who migrated to the United States from Norway, and lived to the ripe old age of ninety-four years.

Roland Eugene Rude began his education in Tilghman public schools and completed it as a graduate from the St. Michaels High School. He began making a livelihood as a driller of artesian wells, in association with his father, with what became the firm of L. Rude and Son. During the years from 1927 to 1933 he did work for many large and small companies and individuals over a wide territory and won repute for skill and experience. In 1933 Mr. Rude joined the United States Coast Guard Geodetic Survey, where his knowledge of land and soils proved of value to the corps. After two years he went in business for himself, operating an automobile filling station, including in its numerous services automotive supplies, types of repairs and almost anything that could be asked of the Rude Service Station. The concern is a representative of the Garden Tractor, and of name companies producing motor cars, trucks and tractor parts and supplies.

As already mentioned, Mr. Rude is the mayor of St. Michaels, having been elected town commissioner in 1945. He is a Democrat in political allegiance, influential in party circles. Fraternally he is affiliated with Granite Lodge, No. 177, Free and Accepted Ma-



sons, of which he is a Past Master, and he is a member and a former president of the St. Michaels Rotary Club. Keenly interested in the Miles River Yacht Club, he has served on its board of governors and has been manager of its regatta committee since 1935. He and Mrs. Rude attend the Sardis Methodist Episcopal Church, and both give liberal support to religious works and charities. As a hobby Mr. Rude collects locks and keys and is a good locksmith.

On June 24, 1940, Roland Eugene Rude married Margaret R. Rowe of St. Michaels, daughter of Levi and Mary D. (Shockley) Rowe. Mr. and Mrs. Rude are the parents of a daughter, Marcia Gene, born June 17, 1947.

**ROLAND HENRY WINDSOR** is secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Hurlock Milling Company, Incorporated, a modern, well-equipped mill serving the entire Eastern Shore territory. Mr. Windsor takes an active part in local affairs and served six years as mayor of Hurlock.

He was born near Hurlock on April 5, 1899, the son of John E. and Blanche E. (Harper) Windsor, both natives of Dorchester County and both now deceased. Mr. Windsor's father was a farmer.

After attending the local public schools, Roland Henry Windsor worked on his father's farm until he was nineteen years old, and then clerked for one year in the grocery store of Thompson & Andrews. He then entered the employ of the Eastern Wholesale Grocery Company as a salesman and traveled for that firm for the next twenty-seven years over a territory that embraced Caroline, Wicomico, and Dorchester counties. In the meantime the Hurlock Milling Company had fallen upon hard days and was to be put up for sale. A group of local farmers suggested that Mr. Windsor, along with others, make a sealed bid for the property. He did so, and in 1944 purchased the mill. The business is incorporated under the name of Hurlock Milling Company, Incorporated, James E. Andrews serving as president of the company, Mrs. Eloise Andrews as vice president, and Roland Henry Windsor as secretary-treasurer and general manager. The company offers a complete milling service and employs a force of nine persons. Its flour is known as the "White Swan" brand, and its trade territory includes the whole Eastern Shore. Mr. Windsor takes an active interest in local politics. He served on the Hurlock town board for two years and was mayor of Hurlock for six years. He has been active as a member of the Democratic party's central committee. He is a member of the Hurlock Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family are members of the Washington Methodist Episcopal Church. Sports in general are Mr. Windsor's favorite hobby, and he takes a keen interest in the Hurlock Skeet and Gun Club, of which he is a member.

He married on August 12, 1926, C. Rosalie Brinsfield of East New Market, the daughter of Ira and Maude (Taylor) Brinsfield. Mr. and Mrs. Windsor have one son, Donald Harper Windsor, born February 9, 1929, who graduated from the local schools and attended Salisbury State Teachers College.

**GROVER P. JOHNSON**, in charge of the Nuttle Lumber Company in the Cambridge area, and of its plant recently built on Sunburst Highway in that city, has a varied background in merchandising.

Born in Dorchester County, on February 18, 1907,

he is the son of Goldsborough and Augusta (Robinson) Johnson, both of Dorchester County. Brought up in that county, and educated in its public schools, he developed an early interest in merchandising which has been with him since. From school, he went to work in a department store as a clerk, remaining there five years. He then went to Philadelphia where he became manager of a Thom McAn shoe store, and this position too he filled for five years. Returning to Cambridge, he became associated with the Herbert Hearn Hardware Company, being its assistant manager, and after a short time became manager of its retail store.

From 1942 until 1945, there followed a period of military service when Grover Johnson served overseas with the United States Army Air Corps, Ninth Air Force. He was discharged in September, 1945, and shortly thereafter became a salesman for the Nuttle Lumber Company. Here he found himself in work for which he was well-qualified, and after three months he took over the Cambridge area for his firm. He is in charge of this business locally, in a modern plant built by the company on Sunburst Highway.

His chief outside interest is in community activities, which always find him an eager supporter. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, and is a member of the Rescue Fire Company. His Lodge is the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is exalted ruler. His wartime service has interested him in the activities of two organizations: the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and of the latter group he is a trustee. He is a member of the Democratic party, and worships at the Episcopal Church.

Grover P. Johnson was married, on August 13, 1928, to Jeannette Fogel, of Cambridge, daughter of John and Daisy (Adams) Fogel.

**HENRY VINCENT DAVIS, M.D.**, since 1931 practicing physician and surgeon in Chesapeake City, was born May 2, 1902 in Philadelphia, the son of Henry Edwin and Mamie (Vincent) Davis, both natives of Maryland, he of Worcester County, and she of Wicomico County. The Davis family is descended from Rev. Samuel Davis, or Davies, a Welsh minister, who settled on the Eastern Shore in 1756. Henry Edwin Davis was a wholesale fish dealer and also served as judge of the Orphans Court. During World War I he was a member of the Food Conservation Board.

Henry Vincent Davis attended the public schools of Berlin, Maryland, and Buckingham High School, from which he graduated in 1919. During the summers he worked with his father in the wholesale fish business. He then studied for a year and a half at St. John's College, and for another year and a half at the University of Maryland. In 1923 he enrolled in the Medical College of the University of Maryland, and graduated from this institution in 1927, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa and Nu Sigma Nu fraternities and played on the University football team. After receiving his degree, Dr. Davis served as intern one year, and one year as assistant resident surgeon at the University Hospital of Baltimore. The following two years he was resident surgeon at the James Walker Hospital of Wilmington, North Carolina. In 1931 he moved to Chesapeake City and entered private practice there. He has continued to keep abreast of medi-



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cal developments by taking postgraduate courses in Johns Hopkins University, paying particular attention to industrial surgery. During World War II Dr. Davis was a medical examiner for the local draft board and a captain in the Medical Corps of the Maryland State Guard. He was assistant director of medical welfare for the Triumph Explosive Company and the National Fireworks Company of Chesapeake City. Dr. Davis takes an active interest in the Cecil County Medical Association and has twice served as its president. He is also a member of the Maryland Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He is a director of the Chesapeake City Building and Loan Association, and belongs to the Lions Club, and to the Episcopal Church.

He married, on October 7, 1937, Eloise Howard, a native of Chesapeake City and a graduate of Hood College, who worked with the Cecil County Welfare Board. Dr. and Mrs. Davis have two children: Ann Vincent, born March 1, 1939, and Elizabeth Woolford, born November 3, 1940.

**FRANKLIN BOWEN HILL**—The late Franklin Bowen Hill, who died March 13, 1948, had been engaged in the undertaking business in Salisbury for thirty-five years, for most of this time as head of the business which had been started by his father in 1877, and which he himself had entered immediately after completing his education. Mr. Hill was well-known all over the Eastern Shore and his friends ran into the hundreds. The seventy-one year old business is now being conducted by Mr. Hill's widow, Mrs. Louise Hagan Hill, and his two sons, George C., II, and Franklin B. Hill, Jr.

Franklin Bowen Hill was born May 14, 1893 in Salisbury, the son of George C. Hill and Mary (McGrath) Hill, his father having been the founder of the undertaking business later incorporated under the firm name of Hill & Johnson Company and still operated under that name.

Franklin Bowen Hill attended the elementary schools of Salisbury and Salisbury High School. He also studied at the Tome School for Boys at Port Deposit, the Beacom Business College of Salisbury, and the Eckels School of Embalming of Philadelphia, where he received his training in the undertaking business. Then in 1913 he became associated with his father in the undertaking business.

This business dated from March 1, 1877, when it had been founded by Mr. Hill's father, the late George C. Hill. He had learned his profession in Philadelphia, where he had been associated with several nationally known funeral directors, one of whom had charge of the funeral rites at the time of the burial of President Abraham Lincoln, and he had also served with funeral directors on the Eastern Shore. In 1877 he set up in business in Salisbury. A skilled craftsman, the elder Mr. Hill in the early days provided many handmade caskets. He "soon made a place for himself in this community, not only in the line of his profession but as a citizen. He was a kindly man of scrupulous integrity, and held the respect of all—a Christian man in the best sense of the word." He was the active head of the business until his death, which occurred on September 3, 1926 at the age of eighty-two.

The business was incorporated in 1915, two years after Franklin Bowen Hill became associated with it. At that time Charles E. Johnson, who had been with Mr. Hill since 1898, was made a member of the firm,

which was incorporated under the name of Hill & Johnson. Mr. Johnson was active until 1941, when he retired.

In 1917 Franklin Bowen Hill went into the United States Army and during World War I served in France with the 313th Infantry, Seventy-ninth Division, with the rank of platoon sergeant. He saw action on the Meuse-Argonne front and was wounded there; he also took part in the St. Mihiel offensive.

After receiving his discharge, Mr. Hill returned to the undertaking business, and after his father's death in 1926, became the active head of the business, his father's interest going to his mother until her death in 1944. In recent years his older son, George C. Hill, has been associated with him in its operation. "In every modern convenience that good taste would dictate, in completeness of design and richness of furnishings, the Hill & Johnson Funeral Home is not excelled anywhere in the State." Father, son and grandson have helped to build up the prestige which it holds throughout the entire Eastern Shore. Mr. Hill built on what his father had created in the way of community confidence and the handsome and well-equipped Hill & Johnson Funeral Home on East Main and Davis streets has long enjoyed a reputation for courtesy and care, whether it be in the funeral of some simple citizen from a humble walk of life or in the more elaborate rites that attend the burial of prominent persons. Since Mr. Hill's death on March 13, 1948, Mrs. Louise Hagan Hill has become president of Hill & Johnson Company, George C. Hill, II, is vice president, and Franklin B. Hill, Jr., is secretary and treasurer. The same standards as in the past have been maintained.

Franklin Bowen Hill was well-known and warmly regarded in Salisbury and the entire Eastern Shore region, among his associates, and in his profession. He was vice president of the Maryland State Board of Embalmers and Undertakers. Fraternally, he was affiliated with Salisbury Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Lodge No. 817 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was a member of the American Legion, and of the Salisbury Rotary Club, and belonged to the Presbyterian Church.

He married at Salisbury on April 19, 1922, Louise M. Hagan, the daughter of John and Louella C. (Quillin) Hagan, her father being in the hotel business in Ocean City. Mr. and Mrs. Hill were the parents of two sons: 1. George C., II, who served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II, holding the rank of first lieutenant in the Second Division, and participating in the fighting on Saipan Island in the Pacific, where he was wounded. Since his return to civilian life he has been associated with the family undertaking business. George C., II, was born on May 6, 1923. He married Maryanna Snyder of College Park, and they have one daughter, Suzanne Elizabeth. 2. Franklin B., Jr., born December 5, 1925. He served with the Third Army in Europe, being in the 11th Armored Division, under General Patton. He has now become secretary and treasurer of Hill & Johnson Company.

**A. ELLIS ENGLE**—When A. Ellis Engle established his business, known as Engle Motors, in Cambridge, he took his place as one of the younger business men of this city, and has given his expanding enterprise a progressive leadership.

Mr. Engle's father, Charles E. Engle, was a farmer and a resident of Preston, who married Mary E. Daller, a Canadian. A. Ellis Engle was born Decem-

ber 15, 1907 in Caroline County, and was educated in the public schools. From his earliest years he manifested an interest in mechanics and after his school years went to work in a garage where he learned the techniques of automobile mechanics. On December 4, 1929, A. Ellis Engle married Inez Vickers Simmons, of Dorchester County. They are the parents of a son, E. Ronald, born July 27, 1937. In 1934, he went into business for himself, opening a repair shop, and to this beginning he added, in 1937, the Hudson sales agency for Dorchester County, which he has held since that time. His business was at first located on Gay Street, but in 1941 the need for expansion led him to build the present modern sales and service plant situated on Sunburst Highway. In 1943 he had the foresight to add to his facilities a recapping plant, and throughout the "shortage era" of World War II, this met a widespread civilian need, bringing its operator more business than he could take care of. Engle Motors has continued to expand and in 1948 acquired the distributorship of Pure Oil Products throughout this region. A sizable retail trade in gasoline, fuel oil, and kerosene has been developed. In a normal year, Mr. Engle's automotive agency sells about fifty new cars, and over one hundred and fifty used cars. In addition to operating Engle Motors, he has been active in real estate operations.

Mr. Engle is a member of two trade organizations; the National Automobile Dealers Association, and the Maryland Automobile Trade Association. He belongs to the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, and the Cambridge Yacht Club. Fraternally, he is associated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; also a Mason he belongs to Cambridge Lodge Number 66, the York Rite Bodies, and Boumi Temple of the Shrine in Baltimore. He attends St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

**JAMES EMANUEL ANDREWS**, a partner in a wholesale grocery business on Race Street, in Cambridge, which does business all over Dorchester, Caroline, Talbot and Wicomico counties, is secretary of the Del-Mar-Va Wholesale Grocers Association, and otherwise well-known in the trade. Mr. Andrews is quick to lend his support to good causes and has been active in Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Cambridge Hospital drives.

He was born in Cambridge on August 6, 1909, the son of James Emanuel and Emma Caroline (Gray) Andrews, the former a native of Cambridge, the latter of Boonesboro, Delaware. The late James Emanuel Andrews, Sr., spent his business life as a wholesale grocer.

James Emanuel Andrews, the younger, grew up in the wholesale grocery business, which had been established by his father in 1906. He attended the public schools of Cambridge and then entered the University of Maryland, from which he graduated in 1931 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. While in the university he served as editor of the "Old Line Magazine" and of "Reveille," and he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega college fraternity, a member and secretary of Omicron Delta Kappa and a member and president of Pi Delta Epsilon. Upon graduating from college in 1931, he became actively associated with the wholesale grocery business and had gradually taken over the management of the concern at the time of his father's death in 1941. He has been head of the business since that time. In 1942 he enlisted for service in World War II, but

was discharged due to disability in 1943 and returned to civilian life. Mr. Andrews handles a general line of wholesale groceries and operates his own fleet of trucks throughout a large part of the Eastern Shore region. He is a member of the American Legion, a member and a director of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, and a member, director and past president of the Cambridge Country Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a registered Democrat and a member of the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Andrews is extremely fond of sports, being particularly devoted to duck shooting, fishing, tennis, and badminton. He is unmarried.

**PHILIP J. HOPKINS**, prominent Eastern Shore executive, is vice president and general superintendent of the Easton Wholesale Grocery Company, a well-known and long-established firm with headquarters in Easton. Mr. Hopkins takes part in the affairs of many local organizations, several of which he serves in official capacity. Most of his business life has been spent with the Easton Wholesale Grocery Company, in which he has risen from the position of clerk.

Born in Cordova, November 21, 1898, Philip J. Hopkins is the son of W. J. and Sarah W. (Stafford) Hopkins. His father farmed for many years near Cordova, while his mother, a native of Harrington, Delaware, is still living. After completing his secondary education in the public and high schools of Talbot County, Mr. Hopkins attended Banks Business College, being already in a business career. His first employment was with the Easton National Bank, where he was a runner, and he thereafter joined the United States Army Student Military Training Corps, receiving training at the University of Maryland.

At the conclusion of his army training, he became a clerk with the Easton Wholesale Grocery Company, and has remained with this firm since. As its business grew, so likewise did Mr. Hopkins' responsibilities, and his diligent service and business aptitudes have brought him to the present position of vice president and general superintendent, in which capacities he has served since 1933.

This company was organized in 1911 by Edwin G. Cover, U. G. Ross, Frank Ross and Francis G. Wrightson, who were joined shortly afterwards in its management by Thomas E. Cover and William Mason Sheehan. Its particular specialty has always been wholesale groceries. Starting out with a modest volume of trade, in distribution to local grocers, its territory has grown steadily through the years until now its activities cover the Eastern Shore. Since its organization it has added many lines of merchandise: tires, paints, varnishes and household items among them. Its payroll varies from thirty to forty employees. Mr. U. G. Ross remains the president of the organization, while Mr. Hopkins and Thomas E. Cover are vice presidents. Raymond L. Ross, Thomas E. Cover, Jr., and T. Hughlett Henry, Jr., are directors.

In addition to the executive capacity referred to, Mr. Hopkins is associated with the Easton Utilities Company in the capacity of president, and is a director of the Easton National Bank. He is past president of the Del-Mar-Va Wholesale Grocers Association. He has been to the fore in programs of benefit to the community, and to the war effort during World War II. For the fifth war bond drive, he was chairman for Talbot County, and during the sixth, he was chairman for the city of Easton. He was also the community's director for civilian defense. Mr.







*H. F. Orley*

Hopkins is a great golf enthusiast, and is past president of the Talbot Country Club. He is past president of the Easton Rotary and past vice president of the Business Men's Association. He belongs to Coats Lodge No. 65, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and to the Miller Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and is also member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the American Legion. His political affiliation is with the Democratic party, and he belongs to the Ebenezer Methodist Church.

Philip J. Hopkins married Gladys Cameron, of Tyrone, Pennsylvania, April 26, 1923. They have one son, H. Cameron, born May 26, 1926. He graduated from the local high school, and served four years in the United States Marine Corps, and is now in business.

**WALTER T. ONLEY**—Operating large canning plants in several centers throughout the state of Maryland, Walter T. Onley, of Snow Hill, is widely known and respected for his business achievements. His contributions toward the commercial progress and development of the region have been many and varied, and he is recognized as a leading authority in the canning industry.

Mr. Onley was born October 14, 1886, near Girdle-tree, Maryland, son of Lemuel W. and Cordelia Rebecca (Price) Onley. The father, a native of Stockton, Maryland, was prominent in his community as a member of the State Legislature and of the Snow Hill School Board, in politics was a Democrat, and was well-known as a dealer in sea food. The mother was a native of New Jersey.

Walter T. Onley received his elementary school education in the public schools of Girdle-tree and attended high school there.

As a boy he had worked in the sea food industry, shipping sea food products out of Girdle-tree. After finishing his formal education, he went to California and was employed there for a year. At the end of this period of time he returned to Maryland and became associated with Joseph Archer in the canning business in Harford County. Wishing to gain as much independence and freedom of action as possible, he established his own canning enterprise in Virginia which he operated successfully for about five years. In 1918 he returned to Girdle-tree, where he organized the W. T. Onley Canning Company, which has continued prosperously ever since under the able management of Mr. Onley. In 1920 he branched off into the timber field, obtaining cutting, sawmill, and mine properties and became affiliated with P. C. Dennis in this line. This undertaking has also been carried on in conjunction with his canning business. In 1935 he branched out still further, expanding his business interests to include a canning plant at Snow Hill. The operation of this division of his expanding canning enterprises has been carried on since by Mr. Onley with substantial success. The plant specializes in canning peas, lima beans, and tomatoes. Mr. Onley is also half-owner of a cannery at Wesley, Maryland. Throughout his far-flung commercial operations Mr. Onley employs about five hundred workers in the busy season. In connection with his canning work, he operates an eighteen hundred-acre farm on which he grows peas and beans, has four dairies, and owns one hundred-fifty head of registered Guernseys. His two sons are active with him in the lumber, canning, and farming operations, and since 1939 have been equal partners with the father in the business.

In addition to these commercial endeavors, Mr. Onley is playing, and has played, a leading role in the work of prominent organizations and groups in the communities in which he has had business dealings. He serves as a director of the First National Bank of Snow Hill. He holds membership in the Tri State Packers Association, and is a former president of the Rotary Club. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. In politics he votes the Democratic ticket.

At Girdle-tree, Maryland, Walter T. Onley married Nellie Scarborough, daughter of James S. and Annie (Bishop) Scarborough. Her father was a native of South Point, Maryland, and her mother of Girdle-tree. Mr. and Mrs. Onley became the parents of the following children: 1. Walter T., Jr., who was born at Painter, Virginia, and is now associated with his father in business; he married Mildred Hayman, of Pocomoke City, Maryland, and two children were born to them, Patricia Onley, and Linda Onley, both born at Snow Hill. 2. James S., who was also born at Painter, Virginia, and now plays an important role in his father's business interests; he married Elizabeth Byrd, and they became the parents of the following children: i. Barbara. ii. James S., Jr.

**CALVIN LINWOOD BRINSFIELD** is a member of the law firm of Brinsfield & Malkus of Cambridge, and has taken an active part in community affairs, being always willing to give of his abilities to worth-while projects.

He was born in Rhodesdale, in Dorchester County, March 3, 1911, the son of D. Linwood and Lillian M. (Marine) Brinsfield. His father, D. Linwood Brinsfield, was born near Vienna in Dorchester County, the son of Dennard Hicks and Virginia (Thompson) Brinsfield, both natives of Dorchester County. D. Linwood Brinsfield is a retired farmer. His wife, Lillian M. (Marine) Brinsfield was a native of Brookview, and the daughter of John F., of Dorchester, and Mary (Bennett) Marine of Wicomico County.

Calvin Linwood Brinsfield is a graduate of Hurluck High School and of Washington College, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1933. He is also a graduate of the University of Maryland Law School, in the class of 1936. After receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws from this institution, and being admitted to the Maryland bar in 1936, Mr. Brinsfield became associated with A. Stengle Marine until September, 1938, when he began a private law practice in Cambridge. In May, 1946, he entered into a partnership with Frederick C. Malkus and the two men have since practiced under the firm name of Brinsfield & Malkus. Mr. Brinsfield is an active Democrat and holds membership on the Democratic state central committee. He has served as attorney to the board of election supervisors of Dorchester County, and to the city commissioners of Cambridge, and was clerk of the local Selective Service Board. In community affairs he takes an active part, and is a member of a number of local organizations as well as of the Maryland and Dorchester County bar associations. He has served as past president and as secretary and treasurer of the Cambridge Lions Club and is now a director. He belongs to the Cambridge Yacht Club and is a past secretary and treasurer of the Cambridge Country Club. Fraternally, Mr. Brinsfield is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Cambridge Lodge, Number 66, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a



member of the Zion Methodist Church. In his free time, Mr. Brinsfield engages in all kinds of outdoor sports, being particularly fond of fishing and duck shooting.

**OLIN R. HIGGINS**—Now the largest individual peachgrower on the Eastern Shore, and a leading producer of a number of other crops, Olin R. Higgins is a man whose enterprise was started by himself in a modest way, and whose growth is due to his management and foresight. The prominence which he has gained has made him a logical recipient of political honors, and he has served in numerous civic capacities.

Mr. Higgins was born near Vienna, in Dorchester County, on May 26, 1889. His father, Thomas S., was in turn the son of Samuel L. Higgins, and both generations of the family were residents of Vienna. Thomas S. Higgins married Maria Elizabeth Brown, of Seaford, Delaware.

Olin R. Higgins attended the public schools. His father was a farmer; and though the young man early entered other occupations, perhaps it was his farm upbringing that inclined him to return to the land. He studied telegraphy first, at East New Market, and after thoroughly mastering it, entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as telegrapher and agent at various locations on the Eastern Shore, being ultimately stationed at Hurlock.

The soil around Hurlock is suitable for the raising of peaches, and in 1926, Olin Higgins had the opportunity to purchase an orchard. This he did, and of that initial investment in one orchard all his subsequent fruitgrowing enterprises are an outgrowth. It soon became impossible to attend to both the railroad and the peaches; the peaches won out. He increased his acreage, adding two more orchards and other farm lands to his original holdings. At the present time, his orchards alone cover two hundred and fifty acres, and he raises eight to ten varieties of peaches, producing as many as fifty thousand bushels annually. In addition to his orchard activities he has conducted a general farmers' supply business also. His orchards give employment to between fifteen and one hundred and twenty-five persons, depending on the season. In addition to his produce, Mr. Higgins does a brisk trade in farmers' supplies, retailing such necessities as seeds, plants and containers.

The demands of this extensive enterprise are not too great, however, to leave Mr. Higgins time for participation in civic and political affairs. He was, in 1935, a member of the State Senate; and has been appointed by the President as one of fifteen men in the United States to serve on an Assay Committee of the United States Treasury. More locally, he has played his part as member for five years of the Dorchester County board of education, as first chairman of the selective service board of Dorchester County, and as a member of the Hurlock Chamber of Commerce. He is a director of the Maryland County Trust Company at Hurlock. Mr. Higgins is also a member of the Cambridge Rotary, and a Mason, belonging to the Choptank Lodge Number 138, of which he is a past master. He is also past president of the Past Masters Association of Caroline and Dorchester counties. In religious faith he is a Methodist, and has given the Washington Methodist Episcopal Church loyal service as steward, and for twenty-five years has been a member of its official board. Mr. Higgins' political affiliation is with the Democratic party.

On March 29, 1913, Olin R. Higgins married Katie

Woollen, of Dorchester County. She is the daughter of the Honorable William G. Woollen, late judge of the Orphans Court, and of Lillian (Corkran) Woollen. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins are the parents of two children: 1. Marjorie, born at Vienna, Maryland, March 27, 1916, a graduate of the local schools and of the University of Maryland where she took her degree of Bachelor of Arts. She taught school before marrying Colonel Charles W. May, of the United States Marine Corps. 2. William T., born at Hurlock, Maryland, June 12, 1922, a graduate of the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts degree, served during World War II as a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He now attends the University of Maryland Law School.

**THOMAS BRYCE VENABLE**—A man successful in one business will probably possess the qualities necessary for success in another. These qualities Thomas Bryce Venable seems to possess. For a number of years he made rapid progress in the newspaper business. When in 1936 he decided to launch a new enterprise, he founded a jewelry business in Pocomoke City which has succeeded very well.

Mr. Venable was born in Fairmount, Somerset County, on August 31, 1896. After public schooling in Fairmount and high school in Pocomoke, he went to work in the offices of the "Ledger Enterprise," in the latter city. Here he continued four years, thereafter going to Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he worked on the Bridgeport "Post." He served creditably for two years during World War I, as a first sergeant in the Twelfth Division; but with the exception of this period of service he remained with the Bridgeport "Post" until 1921. He then went with the Worcester "Democrat," and before long purchased a part interest in this paper. This prominent affiliation with the publishing business continued until 1936.

In that year Mr. Venable, now mature in experience and business knowledge, located again in Pocomoke City and entered the jewelry business. His store, located on Market Street, carries a complete line of jewelry, silverware, and electrical and home appliances. So well has this enterprise succeeded that he now has a branch store at Crisfield.

As a veteran of World War I, Mr. Venable has maintained an interest in the activities of the American Legion, being a member of Worcester Post Number 93. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Lions Club of Pocomoke City. He also belongs to the Winter Quarters Country Club. His church is the Salem Methodist.

At Philadelphia, on March 16, 1930, Thomas Bryce Venable married Lyda Bertha Armstrong. She was the daughter of Daniel C. Armstrong, a lumber dealer, and of Elizabeth C. Armstrong. Their children are Constance, born March 9, 1932, and Jane Bryce, born August 15, 1934.

**CLARENCE LeCOMPTE SAXTON**, who in February, 1947, retired from business in East New Market, is one of the most highly respected citizens of that community. Mr. Saxton, in addition to conducting a hardware and implement business for many years, has also been actively engaged in farming, but he has now disposed of most of his holdings and is enjoying a life of richly earned leisure. He has always taken a keen interest in all that makes for the welfare of the community.

He was born in East New Market on January 29,



*Thomas Riva Canale*









Raymond V. Elliott

1873, the son of James Arthur and James Anna (LeCompte) Saxton, both natives of East New Market and both now deceased. His father was a dealer in implements.

He attended the local schools, leaving school at the age of fourteen. His father owned two hundred and forty-six acres of land and Clarence LeCompte Saxton farmed a forty-six acre tract of this property for a period of three years. At the age of seventeen he began helping his father in the implement business. In 1892 he became a salesman for the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, traveling about and setting up binders. After three years he worked as salesman for a jobber in Garrett County, Maryland, but the following year gave this up to become associated with the McCormick Machine Company in a sales management capacity for the Eastern Shore area, being in charge of sales on the Eastern Shore from Wilmington to Cape Charles, with fifty-seven agents working under him. He held this position until 1906, when he took over the hardware and implement business in East New Market, which had been started by his father. In 1913 he took Mr. Parker into partnership, and the firm operated the business as Saxton & Parker for more than thirty years, 1913 to 1943. From 1943 to 1947 Mr. Saxton continued the business alone but sold out and retired in February, 1947. All this time he had been active in farming, owning several farms on which he raised wheat, corn, tomatoes, and beans. He has now, however, sold most of his farming land. During the nineteen thirties Mr. Saxton served for eight years as supervisor of the Civilian Conservation Corps, and he looks back upon those years of contact with young men on their various construction projects as some of the happiest of his life. He has always been interested in young people, and he served for seventeen years as a member of the Dorchester County board of education, being president of the board for fourteen years. A Democrat in his politics, Mr. Saxton has also held office as a member of the town board. He is a leading member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, where he serves as vestryman and senior warden. Fraternally he is affiliated with Chop-tank Lodge, Number 138, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and is now chairman of the board of trustees as well as a past master. Mr. Saxton has been a member of this lodge for more than a half century and has held office in it most of that time in one capacity or another. He was Grand Inspector of this district for several years.

He married on January 27, 1909, Maria Austin Jones of East New Market, the daughter of Dr. George Perry and Wilhelmina (Austin) Jones. Wilhelmina (Austin) Jones was the daughter of Colonel George Austin, former state senator. Dr. George Perry Jones was an old-style country doctor, and one of the leading citizens of his region during his lifetime.

**PAUL JOYNER**—Within a few years, having gained varied experience in the field of education, agriculture and business, Paul Joyner is establishing himself upon this foundation as one of the leading citizens of Snow Hill. His outstanding accomplishments have earned for him the confidence and admiration of his many friends and business associates.

Mr. Joyner was born February 11, 1916, at Ward, South Carolina, son of Frank H. and Eunice (Black) Joyner. His father, who was born April 17, 1887, at Kingsville, South Carolina, is a prominent agriculturist, and serves as depot agent for the Southern Railway

System. In politics he is a Democrat, and, fraternally, is active with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. The mother was born at Ward, on April 19, 1888, and passed away July 18, 1947.

Paul Joyner attended the public schools of his native town, and, in 1933, was graduated from high school there. He continued his higher education at Clemson Agricultural College, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1938. In addition, he took special courses at the University of Maryland.

After completing his formal training, Mr. Joyner entered the teaching profession and taught school at both Berlin and Snow Hill, Maryland, specializing in the teaching of agricultural subjects. In 1942, after four years of teaching, he became associated with the United States Department of Agriculture, and moved to Princess Anne, Maryland. In connection with his work with this governmental department he was in charge of operations in two counties, Somerset County, and Worcester County. On April 15, 1945, after three years of service to the government, he joined E. L. McCabe, Jr. and Company, well-known grain dealers in the region, as one of the firm's salesmen. He remained with this organization until April 15, 1948, when he established his own business under his own name in Snow Hill, dealing in feeds and poultry supplies. In addition to his business, he operates a large poultry farm on which he produces about one hundred and eighty thousand fryers a year. These different business interests have been very successful due in no small measure to the able management of Mr. Joyner.

He takes an active part in the social and fraternal life of his community. He belongs to the Rotary Club, and enjoys the recreational facilities of the Winter Quarters Country Club. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of Alpha Tau Alpha. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious preference he adheres to the Methodist faith.

On June 14, 1941, at Snow Hill, Maryland, Paul Joyner married Marion Humphreys, daughter of A. C. and Virgil (Dunton) Humphreys. Her father was born at Hebron, Maryland, and her mother was a native of Whitestone, Virginia. Marion (Humphreys) Joyner is a native of Snow Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Joyner became the parents of one child, Paula Lee, who was born February 13, 1946, at Snow Hill, Maryland.

**RAYMOND H. ELLIOTT** is a prominent executive of the Eastern Shore. That he is a man of considerable vision and initiative is amply evidenced by the growth of the interests which he heads. For a number of years he managed the Elliott Brothers Trucking Company, and now is also president of Raymond H. Elliott, Incorporated, dealers in International Motor Trucks, and the Elco Equipment Company, an automotive and farm machinery firm. He also owned and operated the Watkins Auto Supply Company. By reason of his exceptional executive gifts, and his activity in community organizations, Raymond H. Elliott holds a high place among the business men of Easton and the Eastern Shore.

Born in Oxford, October 30, 1905, Raymond H. Elliott is a son of Isaac E. and Augusta (Goslin) Elliott. He was educated in the grade and high schools of Oxford, and after holding the variety of jobs customary among the youth of America, he entered the trucking business with his brother James E. Elliott in 1928. They adopted the name of Elliott Brothers Trucking, and initially operated one truck.



This business has grown to one of the largest trucking enterprises on the Eastern Shore, operating thirty-two tractors and thirty-six large trailers, in addition to trucks. Their area of service covers the entire Eastern Seaboard. On April 1, 1949 the trucking interests of Mr. Elliott were sold to his associate, Sheldon Lord, but the firm continues to carry the name of Elliott Brothers. It was in 1941 that Raymond H. Elliott, Incorporated, was established. It deals in International Motor Trucks in Talbot and Caroline counties, and operates completely modern sales and service departments. In September, 1945, Mr. Elliott organized the Elco Equipment Company. It is the Talbot County dealer for McCormack Deering Farm Machinery, and its sales area for Packard Motors extends throughout three counties. The Watkins Auto Supply Company Mr. Elliott bought in 1943, although it had been organized for some time before that. This he sold in 1947. This completes the picture of a completely integrated and progressive automotive and trucking enterprise, whose importance is recognized not only locally but throughout the Eastern Shore. It is a monument to the business acumen and organizational abilities of one man. Mr. Elliott served as president of all four of these enterprises. Mrs. Elliott is vice president, and Sheldon Lord is secretary-treasurer. In their aggregate, they employ about ninety persons. The big white Elliott trucks are a familiar sight on the highways of this part of the United States, while the progressively operated automotive enterprises continue to do an impressive volume of business throughout the Eastern Shore.

Mr. Elliott is a member of the Rotary and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. By reason of his trade, he is associated with the National Automobile Dealers Association, and the Maryland Motor Truck Association. When the pressure of business permits, he enjoys boating as a hobby.

Raymond H. Elliott was married August 24, 1935, to Bessie Pearl Richardson, of Bozman. They are the parents of one daughter, Margaret Yvonne, born April 9, 1939.

**STACY LEE LEWIS**, head of the Stacy Lewis Novelty Company of Cambridge, is engaged in the manufacture of a number of plastic products on which he holds patents. He was born near Fayetteville, in Cumberland County, North Carolina, on November 3, 1900, the son of William L. and Carry Jane (Taylor) Lewis, both of Fayetteville, North Carolina, the former of whom died in December, 1941, the latter in December, 1939.

Stacy Lee Lewis was educated in the public schools and Long Hill High School, near Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Campbell Junior College, near Buies Creek, North Carolina. He farmed until he was seventeen years old, and then for a short time worked for the Cumberland County Highway Department. Then he spent six years, 1921-1926, in the employ of the Holt Oil Company at Fayetteville. In 1925 he went into the garage business for himself but two years later sold out and became a salesman for the Southern Biscuit Company, with headquarters in Richmond, Virginia. In 1930 he became a salesman for Liggett & Myers, and the following year bought out and began to operate the news and soda concession in the Lafayette Hotel in his native Fayetteville. After six months the hotel burned and his business was wiped out. In 1932, with this varied business experience behind him, Mr. Lewis made his first contact with the vending machine industry. He spent two

years as a route man for a vending machine company, then became field manager, a post he held until January, 1941, when he purchased the South Carolina and Eastern Shore franchise of this organization. Since that time he has operated under the name of Stacy Lewis Novelty Company of Cambridge, Maryland. He is also engaged in the manufacture of plastic products on which he holds patents, licensing one of them, the E-Z Pour Spout. From 1942 to 1945 Mr. Lewis owned and operated the garage of Cambridge Motors, Incorporated, at Cambridge, Maryland, and also owns several farms in this region. He has identified himself with community affairs and is active in all projects tending to make for better living in this area. Mr. Lewis is a Democrat, and a member of the Baptist Church. He belongs to the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, the Cambridge Yacht Club, and Cambridge Country Club, and fraternally, is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Mr. Lewis makes a hobby of horseback riding, and owns several fine horses.

He married on June 7, 1931, Florence M. Humple, a North Carolinian by birth.

**CHARLES E. EDMONDSON** has been practicing law in Cambridge since 1940, and takes an active interest in community affairs. Mr. Edmondson, who is a member of the law firm of Gould & Edmondson, is currently holding office as state's attorney for Dorchester County.

He was born September 17, 1914, in Dorchester County, the son of Charles and Ruth (Dashiell) Edmondson, both of Taylors Island, Maryland, the former now deceased, the latter still living. The late Charles Edmondson was a farmer until his death in 1922.

Charles E. Edmondson attended the public schools of Dorchester County and the University of Maryland, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1936, and the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1939. He was admitted to the Maryland bar in 1939 and began a general law practice in Cambridge the following year. Until 1943 he practiced alone, but in that year he took the place of W. Laird Henry as a partner of William D. Gould (q.v.). Mr. Henry relinquished his partnership to accept appointment to the Circuit Court. The firm of Henry & Gould thereupon became Gould & Edmondson, and has remained so to the present time. In 1946 Mr. Edmondson was elected to the Maryland Legislature and served in the general session of 1947, resigning in July, 1947 to take over the office of state's attorney for Dorchester County, to which he was appointed by the judge of the First Judicial Circuit. He still holds this post. Mr. Edmondson is a Democrat by political affiliation. He is a member of the Dorchester and the Maryland bar associations, and serves as a director of the Cambridge Manufacturing Company and the Dorchester Fertilizer Company. Fraternally, Mr. Edmondson is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a past exalted ruler. He belongs to the Cambridge Lions Club, the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, the Cambridge Country Club, of which he is a past secretary and treasurer, and the Cambridge Yacht Club. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

**E. ROSCOE WILLEY** was born in Toddville, Dorchester County, on July 26, 1900, the son of



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George Ernest and Rida C. (Johnson) Willey. Both parents are still living in Cambridge, Maryland. George E. Willey was born at Andrews, Maryland, July 17, 1868, and his wife, Rida C. Johnson, was born at Toddville, Maryland, August 7, 1878.

E. Roscoe Willey received his education in local public schools. At the age of eighteen he went into the trucking business for himself in Cambridge, Maryland, with a single truck. He worked hard, and by 1924 owned two trucks, and from time to time during the past thirty-one intervening years has increased his equipment, and at present owns and operates two large tractor-trailers, and ten heavy-duty trucks, operating with Interstate Commerce Commission rights on all types of merchandise to various States, and with rights to handle household furniture. In 1928 he added to his business a wood and coal retail yard, which he operates at 207 Washington Street, Cambridge, Maryland, and has built up an extensive trade.

Mr. Willey is a Democrat, and takes part in community affairs, has won two consecutive terms the nomination to membership on the Cambridge City Council, and currently is serving as president of the board. He is a member of Zion Methodist Church, Lions Club, Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, Cambridge Yacht Club, Maryland Motor Trucking Association, American Trucking Association, and was active in war work during World War II, serving as transportation coordinator. Mr. Willey enjoys all outdoor activities. He has a fine pack of coon hounds, and takes pleasure in duck shooting, fishing, boating, skeet shooting, and baseball.

E. Roscoe Willey married on January 18, 1938, Edna Slacum of Taylors Island, Dorchester County, Maryland. She was born September 21, 1908, at Taylors Island, the daughter of Charles E. and Annie (Navy) Slacum. The Willeys live at 415 Race Street, Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland.

**WILLIAM PAUL** is owner and operator of the Dorset Laundry of Cambridge, the largest business of its kind in this region, serving all of Dorchester and Caroline counties. Mr. Paul takes an active part in community affairs and has served as president of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce and head of the Red Cross annual drive.

He was born July 21, 1905, in Cambridge, the son of McKenny and Ida (Hogé) Paul, the former a native of Cambridge and a farmer, the latter a native of Minnesota. William Paul attended the local elementary schools and Cambridge High School. After leaving school he entered the employ of the Herbert Hearn Hardware Company. He worked in one capacity or another until he became manager of the retail operations of that concern. His first position had been that of bookkeeper. In 1935, while still giving his first attention to his work for the Herbert Hearn Hardware Company, he bought out the interest of William H. Medford in the Dorset Laundry Company. This business had been established in 1926 by Mr. Medford and a Mr. and Mrs. Walker, who had in 1930 sold their interest to Roland Hogé. The first site of the business had been in the old Yacht Club pavilion, but in 1932 the present site was purchased. In 1936, the year after Mr. Paul had bought out Mr. Medford's interest in the Dorset Laundry Company, Mr. Hogé died, and his interest also was bought in by Mr. Paul. From then on until 1942 Mrs. Paul operated this business. In that year Mr. Paul severed his connection

with the Herbert Hearn Hardware Company and has since devoted his entire time to the Dorset Laundry. The largest business of its kind in the region, it has a fleet of eight trucks and serves all of Dorchester and Caroline counties. The plant is modern and well-equipped, with facilities for dry cleaning clothing and rugs, and adequate garment storage vaults. There are two branch offices in Cambridge. Mr. Paul, whose hobby is engineering and mechanical problems, has a great deal of ingenuity, and has developed numerous techniques in the cleaning business which have been pretty generally adopted by others in the industry. He is a member and past president of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Cambridge Yacht Club, and Cambridge Country Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is past exalted ruler. He is a member of the Rescue Fire Company. Mr. Paul is a Democrat in his political affiliation, and is a member of Christ Episcopal Church.

He married on October 15, 1935, Katherine Todd of Salisbury, the daughter of Dr. George and Roselda (Woodcock) Todd, and they have one child, Nancy, born June 14, 1937.

**WILLIAM THOMAS HUBBARD**—Although farming is now his interest, William Thomas Hubbard of East New Market is also engaged in the canning and lumber business which is his chief occupation, and the business of manufacturing crates for fruits and vegetables. Along with other activities he finds time for worth-while community projects and has served in the past as president of the East New Market town board.

He was born in East New Market on April 9, 1894, the son of Oliver Webb and Minnie (Holland) Hubbard, both natives of East New Market, and both now deceased. Minnie (Holland) Hubbard was the daughter of Thomas Holland, who was born in Vienna, Maryland, but lived most of his life in East New Market. Oliver Webb Hubbard was a canner and farmer. His father and grandfather, William Thomas Hubbard, and Clement Hubbard, respectively, were large landowners in Dorchester County.

William Thomas Hubbard was educated in the local public schools, in the Conway Hall Preparatory School at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and Strayer's Business College. He was associated with his father in the canning and lumber business until 1920, when he went into business for himself, making crates for fruits and vegetables. He has remained in that business ever since. In 1930 he went into the canning business for himself, devoting most of his attention to the canning of tomatoes, and this business also he continues to operate. In 1935, while settling his father's estate, he became interested in farming and now has several farms totaling about four hundred acres under cultivation. This has become a major interest. He raises asparagus, cucumbers, tomatoes, wheat, and corn, and also has started the raising of Hereford beef cattle. He is also in the lumber business, handling mostly dressed lumber. Mr. Hubbard employs fifteen to twenty persons on a year-round basis, and about one hundred and fifty more at peak seasons. He is a member of the Tri-State Cannery Association, and the Farm Bureau. Always interested in the affairs of his community, he is a past president of the East New Market town board. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party. A man of varied business interests, Mr. Hubbard also finds time to take an in-

terest in more than one church. He is a member of the Methodist Church, which he attends regularly, and he also attends St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and serves as a member of the vestry.

He married, on November 6, 1920, Shirley Dashiell, of Cambridge, the daughter of Edwin and Nora (Bryan) Dashiell, and they have three children: 1. William Gordon, a graduate of the local schools, who is associated with his father in his various enterprises. 2. Richard Patterson, a graduate of the local schools, who attended the University of Maryland for one year and then served in the United States Army; he plans to return to his studies. 3. Oliver Webb, a graduate of the East New Market High School in the class of 1948.

**WILLIAM NEWTON JACKSON**, who conducts a general insurance agency in Salisbury, under the name of the W. Newton Jackson Insurance Agency, was born in Salisbury on October 21, 1893, the son of William P. and Sallie (McCombs) Jackson. His father was engaged in the lumber business.

William Newton Jackson attended the elementary schools of Salisbury and Salisbury High School and also the Lawrenceville School at Lawrenceville, New Jersey. After leaving school he became associated with the Jackson Lumber Company. Of this firm his father was president, M. A. Humphreys was secretary, and he himself filled the office of treasurer until the company was liquidated in 1932. He then formed the W. Newton Jackson Insurance Agency, which he has conducted ever since. It deals in all kinds of insurance. Mr. Jackson is a director and a stockholder in the Salisbury National Bank. He is an active member of the Asbury Methodist Church and serves as chairman of the board of trustees. In politics he is a Republican. He belongs to the Salisbury Kiwanis Club, and is currently serving as its president. He is president of the Tri-state Mutual Agents Association, director and president of the Wicomico County Free Library, and director of the Peninsula General Hospital, of which he is also secretary.

At Philadelphia, November 1, 1916, William Newton Jackson married Florence Rue, daughter of L. L. and Mary (Gill) Rue. Her father was president of the Philadelphia National Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have four children: 1. Florence J., who married Robert Dallas of Salisbury. They are the parents of two children, Florence and Mary Rue. 2. W. Newton, Jr. He married Margaret Jean Cameron of Berkeley, California, and they have two children, William Newton, III, and Page Hill. 3. William P., II. He married Dorothy Lee Taylor, and they have two children. 4. Hugh R., who married Ellen Easley.

The Jackson family was well-represented in World War II. W. Newton Jackson, Jr., served in the United States Navy as a pilot, holding the rank of lieutenant. He saw action in battles from the Aleutians to the Philippines. William P. Jackson served in the United States Army Engineers Corps, in England, France, Belgium, and Holland. Hugh R. Jackson was in V-12, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, but the war was over before he could get into action.

W. Newton Jackson, Jr., and William P. Jackson, II, are both associated with the father William Newton Jackson in the insurance business. In addition, the two brothers in 1941 formed the Salisbury Transportation Company, for local city transportation. William P. Jackson became president of this company, W. Newton Jackson, Jr., became secretary and trea-

surer, W. Newton Jackson, Sr., vice president, and Robert Dallas assistant secretary and treasurer. Hugh R. Jackson is a laboratory technician for the Atlantic Refining Company in Philadelphia.

**NORMAN W. MESSICK**—In the northern section of Dorchester County, Norman W. Messick has been engaged in the utilization of some natural resources of Maryland since boyhood. In the beginning it was sawmilling and canning, but during the past decade large-scale agriculture has held the major part of his time and attention.

Born at Union Grove, Caroline County, Maryland, on August 22, 1894, Mr. Messick is the son of Perry S. and Clara (Butler) Messick. His mother, born in this same county, was the daughter of Wesley Butler. The father, a native of Dorchester County and son of Luke H. Messick, was a farmer, canner and sawmill operator. When the son was little more than an infant the family moved to Choptank, and when he was a little over five years of age they went to Hurlock, where he obtained his education. Norman W. Messick's first lessons in business came when he worked with his father in the sawmill and cannery, also a farmer remaining with the elder man until 1920. He then went into the packing business for himself until 1936 when he sold his interests and purchased a farm near East New Market. At the same time he had engaged in sawmilling, which enterprise he continued to be associated with actively until 1945 when he practically retired. He still keeps up his interest as a profitable hobby.

In 1938 Norman W. Messick moved to his present location "Cloverdale Farms," where he owns more than eight hundred acres, five hundred acres being under cultivation. Here he practices diversified agriculture, growing such general crops as rye, wheat, corn, soy beans, and raising vegetables and melons in season. He also has a fine herd of thirty registered Hereford beef cattle, which he breeds as well as fattens for market, using his own farm products for the latter. A firm believer in the modern methods of agriculture, Mr. Messick has operated a threshing machine on his farms since 1918; employs from eight to eighteen hands, with a peak of one hundred and fifty during the busy seasons. When not fully occupied with his farm and other enterprises, he sells lime as a side line.

Mr. Messick is a director of the Easton Branch of the Federal Land Bank, is president of the Dorchester County Truck Grower's Association, and a member of the Farm Bureau. When the large Neal Canning Company went bankrupt in 1937, he was appointed trustee and settled the affairs of this corporation with satisfaction to all concerned. He attends the Church of God in Federalsburg, being a member of the official board, and superintendent of the Sunday school.

On December 23, 1913, Norman W. Messick married Emily Elizabeth Colbourne, of Hurlock, daughter of Walter A. and Emma (Stewart) Colbourne. Mr. and Mrs. Messick became the parents of the following children: 1. Walter Perry, born January 6, 1916, a graduate of grade and high schools; he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served for nine years with the rank of warrant officer; he married Dorothy Davis, born in Dorchester County, and they have four children: Mary Lee, Sylvia Virginia, and (twins) Walter Perry, Jr., and Emily C. Walter Perry Messick is associated in business with his father.





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2. Norman W., Jr., born April 15, 1920; a graduate of local schools, who served four years in the United States Navy Armed Guard, and is associated in business with his father and brother. 3. Geraldine, a graduate of local schools, who married Claude H. LeCompte, and is the mother of two children: Claudia and Gerald LeCompte.

**GUY RUFUS PHILLIPS**—In Vienna, Guy Rufus Phillips is recognized as a progressive successful farmer. He has farmed in this vicinity for fifteen years, but his entire life has been devoted to the cultivation of the soil.

Born September 7, 1900, at Salem, Dorchester County, Mr. Phillips is the son of Edgar E. and May V. (Houseman) Phillips, both of that county. Edgar E. Phillips was born at Dorchester, July 29, 1877, and died July 24, 1943. May V. (Houseman) Phillips was born at Vienna, Maryland, January 7, 1880. Edgar E. Phillips was engaged in farming, and after the son had completed his education in the local public schools he joined his father in this enterprise. The two continued co-operatively until 1926, when Guy Phillips rented one of his father's farms and started out independently. It was in 1932 that he bought his present farm just outside the village of Vienna. It contains two hundred and seventy-nine acres, and is primarily a dairy farm. Mr. Phillips is, however, a believer in varied production, and raises considerable truck produce. He also raises most of his own roughage and grain.

Mr. Phillips owns the original farm in the Drawbridge area. This farm, one of three hundred acres, is the one on which he was brought up. The region around Drawbridge abounds in muskrats, and Mr. Phillips has developed an active interest in trapping. He is also a hunter, and will gladly compare his enthusiasm for this sport with that of anyone, in this region or elsewhere. His son Guy shares his enjoyment of this pursuit, and the two are often seen hunting together, each being about a match for the other.

Mr. Phillips does not cherish the role of isolated country gentleman, but participates in the activities of the town as well. He is a member of the Vienna Lions Club and of the Farm Bureau. His progressiveness in agricultural activities has led to his being chairman of the soil conservation district. He worships at the Methodist Church in which he is a member of the official board. In politics he is a Democrat.

On December 4, 1926, Guy Phillips married Mildred Helen Starr, of Dorchester County, whose father, Clement S. Starr, was a farmer in that location. Her mother was the former Nellie LeCompte. To Mr. and Mrs. Phillips two children have been born: 1. Guy Steele, born January 24, 1929, graduate of the local schools and now attending the University of Maryland. 2. Wayne S., born February 6, 1938, now attending school.

**WILLIAM WALKER DIXON**—Three or more generations of the Dixon family have engaged in agriculture in Northampton County. William Walker Dixon, of Townsend, this county, has continued the vocation and traditions of his forebears and was the founder and is the head of W. W. Dixon and Brother, Inc., a very large-scale farming enterprise in the extreme southern part of Northampton County. His company has always been a family corporation, he

and a younger brother carrying on operations as growers and distributors of their produce.

A native of Northampton County, Mr. Dixon was born on August 17, 1877, son of Thomas Hume and Marguret (Whitehead) Dixon, his father being a veteran of the War Between the States serving under General Robert E. Lee, in the 19th Virginia Battalion. Histories of the Dixon family are recorded in several publications of Virginia. William W. Dixon was reared on the large family estate and acquired his academic education in local schools. He early had to assume heavy responsibilities in the operation of the farm, in which he was joined by a younger brother. Upon the death of their father, the two sons inherited the large farm, and other properties, and assumed full charge of production.

At the age of twenty-one years, Mr. Dixon decided that he would get ahead faster if he knew something more about business administration. In pursuance of this idea he entered the Goldey Business College at Wilmington. Before long he, with his brother Thomas Jarvis Dixon (q.v.), organized the partnership that became widely known as W. W. Dixon and Brother, Inc. The main object of this organization was the sale of the products of their farms, which later totaled one thousand acres. The cultivation of this large acreage was big business in itself, but of high importance was the distribution of produce to the markets in which the best prices could be realized. In both fields, the firm of W. W. Dixon and Brother, Inc., was eminently successful.

In local and county affairs Mr. Dixon has long been prominent. In addition to being president of the family corporation, he was a financier who in the 1930 national depression came to the aid of the Townsend Bank, of which he was president, and the Northampton Bank and Trust Company and saved them and their depositors and stockholders from loss. Of the newly formed institution, the Northampton County Trust Bank, he became president, which office he held until January, 1947. In the operation of the firm of W. W. Dixon and Brother, Inc., the brothers Dixon divided their work with William Walker Dixon serving as president, and Thomas J. Dixon as vice president and general manager. Only the death of the latter-named ended their long association in business. The elder brother is a member of the Cape Charles Rotary Club, and serves on the board of directors of the Northampton and Accomac Memorial Hospital. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church of Capeville.

On August 17, 1904, at Capeville, Virginia, William Walker Dixon married Harriet Fitchett, daughter of William C. and Missouri (Trower) Fitchett, her father a farmer. The Fitchett family has been prominent in the history of Virginia. The Fitchett house illustrated in the history was the birthplace of Mary Polk Fitchett, grandmother of W. W. and L. J. Dixon and is located on Point Pleasant farm, the present home of the Dixon family.

**THOMAS JARVIS DIXON**—From boyhood, the late Thomas Jarvis Dixon was connected with agriculture. Born on the Northampton County farm of his grandfather, on November 11, 1882, he was the son of Thomas Hume and Marguret (Whitehead) Dixon. His father served with the 19th Virginia Battalion, under General Robert E. Lee. He cultivated the soil over a long period and passed on to his sons the acre-

age around which his boys built the enterprise known as W. W. Dixon and Brother, Inc.

Thomas Jarvis Dixon was educated in local country schools and early in life joined his brother W. W. Dixon (q.v.) in operating the home farm for their father. Upon the death of the older man, the estate comprising the large farm and other real estate was inherited by the sons, who practiced agriculture on a large scale, developing the original holdings to one thousand acres, much of which was under cultivation. In the course of time, the products of the farm came to be so great as to require the personal attention of the brothers in the broader distribution of crops. Hence the next move was the organizing of their own produce company to make a study of markets, methods of sending produce to them, and the direct handling of sales, in order that full realization of values might be received. This enterprise was organized as W. W. Dixon and Brother, Inc., of which the elder brother was president, and Thomas Jarvis Dixon, general manager and vice president. The two brothers were associated closely in practically every line of business and investment until the death of the younger man in 1945.

Thomas Jarvis Dixon was a Thirty-second degree Mason, member of all the higher bodies of the order, and figured popularly in Masonic circles. He was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was a member of the Capeville congregation and generous in his support of religious and charitable works.

On December 26, 1906, at Capeville, Thomas Jarvis Dixon married Helen Fitchett, daughter of William C. and Missouri (Trower) Fitchett. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon were the parents of a son: Thomas Hume, born February 1, 1910, who married Myron Barnes, of Accomac, and they have two sons: i. William Walker, 2nd, born February 2, 1934. ii. Thomas Hume, Jr., born June 17, 1936.

In the death of Thomas Jarvis Dixon in 1945, Northampton County and Townsend, Virginia, lost one of their citizens of achievement and character. His well-rounded life was one of useful activities that contributed to the progress of a wide area and to the welfare of many people. The value of his work will long survive, and his memory is one that will be cherished by more than his own generation.

**RICHARD THATCHER NORRIS**—Member of a family which has lived on the Eastern Shore for more than two hundred fifty years, Richard Thatcher Norris is president of a firm established by forebears at Easton in 1850—Robert B. Dixon and Company. Originally a coal and lumber business and since the early 1860s also in the insurance business, the company has since early 1948 been exclusively in the latter field, and its president is a well-known insurance man, especially in fire insurance and bonding, in Talbot County. He is also a director of the Easton National Bank and is prominent in Easton's civic and social circles. In World War II he was co-ordinator on the Eastern Shore for the Solid Fuels Administration.

Born in Baltimore, on May 3, 1908, Richard Thatcher Norris is the son of the late William T. and Laura (Dixon) Norris. The elder Mr. Norris, also a native of Baltimore, was the operator of a credit collection agency in that city. His wife, born in Talbot County, was the daughter of Robert B. Dixon, for whom Robert B. Dixon and Company was named. Mr. Norris lived in Baltimore only a few weeks after his birth,

for his parents quickly returned to Easton and the scenes of the Dixon family's activities of two and a half centuries.

It was at Easton that Mr. Norris began his education. He was a pupil in the Talbot County seat's elementary schools. Member of a family that had been Quakers since pre-Revolutionary days, as he is today, Mr. Norris then went to The Friends' School in Baltimore and, later, to The Tome School at Port Deposit, Maryland.

Upon completing his education, Mr. Norris became associated with Robert B. Dixon and Company. This concern had been organized in 1850 by Mr. Norris' maternal great-grandfather, James Dixon, and his son, Robert B. Dixon, and has remained in the family since that time without interruption. It is probably the oldest business operated by one family in the Easton section of the Eastern Shore. James Dixon, the founder, having many other interests, was not very active in the firm, which was first devoted to coal and lumber. The son whose name was given to the firm therefore operated it, doing so until his death in 1921. At that time Robert B. Dixon's son, James, became president, but, like his grandfather, he too had numerous other interests, including the Easton National Bank, of which he was president, and, hence, in emulation of his grandfather's example, left the management of Robert B. Dixon and Company to his own son, Robert B. Dixon, II. Insurance had been added just before the beginning of the War Between the States and, while Robert B. Dixon, II, ran the coal and lumber branch of the business, an employee was the manager of the insurance branch.

In 1928 Mr. Norris entered the insurance branch and has operated it ever since, building it steadily and skillfully to the point where it has become the whole company. The coal and lumber business was discontinued early in 1948 and Robert B. Dixon and Company is now concerned exclusively with insurance. Richard T. Norris is president and general manager of the company and his brother, William H. Norris, Sr., is vice president and secretary-treasurer. Another of the family in the business is the latter's son, William H. Norris, Jr.

Robert B. Dixon and Company has represented a variety of big insurance companies for more than a half century and at least one of them since it entered the insurance field. Among the companies long on the Dixon list are the Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company, represented since 1896; the National Fire Insurance Company, since 1904; the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, since 1881; and the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County, Maryland, since about 1860. Another company long on the list is the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, which Mr. Norris' firm has represented since about 1890.

Mr. Norris is a member of the Maryland Association of Insurance Agents, the Rotary Club of Easton, the Business Men's Association, the Tred Avon Yacht Club and the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club. He is a former member of the board of governors of the last-named. His directorship in the Easton National Bank is another means of service to the community. In World War II he was Solid Fuels Co-ordinator on the Eastern Shore under the Baltimore regional office, and took part in other activities.

Mr. Norris is a Republican and a Quaker. His recreations are shooting, sailing, fishing and badminton.

Mr. Norris married Eleanor Trippe on October 7,



1933. Born in Talbot County, Mrs. Norris is the daughter of other natives of the county, Augustus S. and Rachel (Harriman) Trippe. Mr. and Mrs. Norris are the parents of Lee Trippe Norris, born on November 18, 1936.

**C. LESTER DRUMMOND**—A leading attorney of Accomac, Virginia, C. Lester Drummond since 1930 has carried on a very successful practice here. His excellent work before the bar has merited the respect and esteem of many personal friends and an ever increasing number of satisfied clients.

Mr. Drummond was born January 15, 1908, at Nantux, Virginia, son of John Robert Lee and Mary Emily (Ames) Drummond. The father was a prominent agriculturist of Accomac County, and was engaged as a produce agent.

C. Lester Drummond attended the local schools of his home town, and was graduated from the Pungoteague High School. He then entered college, and in 1931, he was graduated from the University of Virginia with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

In July, 1930, one year before completing his formal legal training, Mr. Drummond became associated with his brother, Harry Ames Drummond, in law offices at Accomac. He was subsequently admitted to the bar, and together with his brother he carried on one of the most successful law partnerships in the region. On January 1, 1940, he was made commonwealth attorney of Accomac County by a mandate of the voters, who realized his worth as a public official. He remained in this position until March, 1943, at which time he entered the United States Navy. He served nearly three years, and upon being honorably discharged with the rank of lieutenant on January 1, 1946, he returned to the practice of law at Accomac. He continued with his brother, becoming widely recognized throughout the Eastern Shore for vigorous prosecution of all cases which he handled. On April 13, 1948, Harry Ames Drummond passed away. Since then C. Lester Drummond has practiced law alone.

Mr. Drummond plays an active role in the life of his community. Professionally, he holds memberships in the Virginia State Bar Association and the Accomac County Bar Association. In civic affairs he is a member of the Volunteer Fire Company of Parksley, Virginia. He also belongs to the Lions Club of Onancock, Virginia, and the Three Arts Club of Parksley. Fraternally, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, holding in this organization the Thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. In religious connection he is a Methodist, and attends the Methodist Church of Accomac.

On December 23, 1936, at Accomac, Virginia, C. Lester Drummond married Nellie Virginia Crockett, daughter of George S. and Marguret (Coxton) Crockett.

**WILLIAM E. HURLOCK** has been engaged in the commission business in Hurlock for almost thirty years, buying and selling fruits and vegetables, and in addition operates a packing house, and with his brother owns two farms in this region. He has always taken an active part in community affairs.

He was born April 2, 1886, the son of John B. and Mary C. (Parvin) Hurlock, both natives of Hurlock and both now deceased. Mr. Hurlock's father was a farmer, and his grandfather, John Martin Hurlock built and lived in the first house in what is now the town of Hurlock.

William E. Hurlock attended the local public schools. He farmed with his father until he was fifteen years old, at which time he went to work in a store as a clerk for a Mr. Wright. At the age of eighteen he left Hurlock and went to Baltimore and for one year worked in the Hub. He then returned to Hurlock and went into the mercantile business for himself. After three years he went into the livery business in association with his brother, Ernest. A Democrat in his political affiliation, he became postmaster of Hurlock during the administration of President Woodrow Wilson and held that office until 1920, when he went into the commission business, which he has since continued to operate. As a commission merchant, Mr. Hurlock buys and sells fruits and vegetables, and also operates a packing house at Hurlock. With his brother he owns two farms in this district on which they raise corn, wheat, tomatoes, cantaloupes, and cucumbers. Mr. Hurlock has served for six years on the Hurlock school board, and has also served as a member of the Hurlock town council. He takes an active part in local politics. He is a member of the Hurlock Chamber of Commerce, and belongs to the Methodist Church. His hobby is horse racing.

He married, in 1906, Ethel N. High, of Hurlock, who died on March 15, 1936. They had one child, Edward Rudolph Hurlock, who attended the local schools and Washington College, and is now active in business in Woodward, Iowa, where he is mayor of the town. He married Zora Porter, a native of Iowa.

**CURTIS BURNAM MACE**—After a distinguished record overseas during World War II, Curtis Burnam Mace in 1946 returned to his native Cambridge to open up a law office and has since been engaged in the practice of law in that place. Before the war Mr. Mace had practiced law for several years in the District of Columbia and elsewhere.

He was born in Cambridge on July 5, 1909, the son of Dr. John and Della (Briley) Mace, the former a native of Dorchester County, the latter of East New Market, both now deceased. The late Dr. John Mace was a graduate of Washington College and of the University of Maryland, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He served for many years as a trustee of Washington College. All his life he took an active part in the affairs of this region and a warm personal interest in its inhabitants, being truly, in all that the phrase implies, an "old country doctor," loved by all.

Curtis Burnam Mace attended the public schools of Cambridge, graduating from Cambridge High School and then took his prelaw work at the University of Maryland, and his law course at the National University Law School, from which he graduated in 1933, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the District of Columbia bar that same year and practiced there for a number of years. While practicing in the District of Columbia he became associated with the legal staff of the National Surety Company, and before World War II had spent some time as general attorney for this concern at Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio. In 1942 he enlisted in the United States Army Air Forces, and after receiving his preliminary training was assigned to the 313th Troop Carrier Group and served with that group all through the war, seeing service in Africa, Sicily, Italy, England, France, Belgium, and Germany. He spent thirty months overseas, attaining the rank of major, which he still holds in



the Officers Reserve Corps. Major Mace was awarded eight campaign stars, the air medal and certificate of merit, and distinguished unit citation with oak leaf cluster.

After his return to civilian life he opened a law office in Cambridge, and since 1946 has engaged in the practice of his profession there. He is a member of the Dorchester County Bar Association, a member of the American Legion, and a member of the Reserve Officers Association of Dorchester County, of which he is now president. He belongs also to the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce and the Cambridge Country Club, and is now chairman of the Cambridge-Dorchester Airport Commission. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church and serves as chief usher for its services. Mr. Mace is a Democrat. His chief recreation is outdoor sports and he takes a keen interest in sports in general.

Curtis Burnam Mace married, on August 5, 1946, Catharine Moule of California, and they are the parents of one son, Thomas John, born in Cambridge, Maryland, October 21, 1947.

**ELMER F. HASTINGS**, who with Mrs. Hastings operates the Hastings Hatchery at Parsonsburg, has been very successful in the poultry business, and is well-known in the various poultry associations to which he belongs as a man of progressive ideas. Starting in 1921 with an incubator with a twenty-four-hundred-egg capacity in the basement of his house, which Mrs. Hastings took charge of during the daytime while he carried on his farm work, Mr. Hastings now operates three hatcheries with an incubator capacity of two million six hundred thousand eggs. These hatcheries are located in Maryland, Georgia, and Arkansas. The Maryland Hatchery is known as "one of the most modern on the Del-Mar-Va peninsula," and its exhibits have won many prizes at the Maryland State Poultry Shows.

Elmer F. Hastings was born on April 4, 1889 in Wicomico County not far from Parsonsburg, where he now has his hatchery. He is the son of Levin Washington and Vica Caroline (Halloway) Hastings.

The Hastings family is of English descent, Mr. Hastings' ancestors having come from England in the first half of the eighteenth century. The first Hastings on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware date from pioneer times. Elisha Hastings, grandfather of Elmer F. Hastings, was born near Parsonsburg. He was a farmer and wheelwright, and a very active member of the local old-school Baptist Church. He and his wife were the parents of five sons and two daughters.

Levin Washington Hastings, son of Elisha Hastings and father of Elmer F. Hastings, was born near Parsonsburg on August 27, 1844. He was educated in the local public schools, and after leaving school learned the carpenter's trade, and worked as a carpenter. Later he farmed in Wicomico County. He was an active member of the old-school Baptist Church, serving on its board of deacons. He married Vica Caroline Halloway, who had been born near Parsonsburg on September 10, 1844. Levin Washington and Vica Caroline (Halloway) Hastings were the parents of three children: Daniel, who lives near Parsonsburg; Eva H., who married R. T. Motley of Washington, D. C.; and Elmer F. Levin Washing-

ton Hastings died in 1925, and Vica Caroline (Halloway) Hastings died in 1932.

Elmer F. Hastings attended the district school in Wicomico County. After leaving school he worked on his father's farm for a period of about five years, and then started in to farm for himself on the place where he was born. In 1913 he bought the land where he now lives, and in 1921 he moved there, putting up all his own buildings. It was in 1921 that he bought his first incubator, setting it up in the basement of his new home, where his wife could take charge of it while he was busy with farm work. This incubator, which had a capacity of twenty-four hundred eggs, was known as the "Mammoth Newton," and at that time was considered to be very large, although quite small compared to the incubators used in the Hastings Hatchery at the present time. The business, which is operated as a partnership between Elmer F. Hastings and his wife, Agnes (Laws) Hastings, has grown steadily and, according to a sketch published in "The Free State of Maryland" "enjoys a very enviable reputation as to the quality of its chicks and their method of square dealing with their customers." Says the writer of this sketch: "Elmer F. Hastings, founder and promoter of the Hastings Hatchery at Parsonsburg, has pioneered in the introduction of many improvements which have greatly benefitted the poultry industry. He is a man of earnest purpose, of broad business vision and of commendable determination and ambition and has gradually developed his business interests to gratifying proportions." By the first of January, 1938 the Hastings Hatchery had a capacity of two hundred and fifty-five thousand eggs; a year later, four hundred and fifteen thousand eggs; and by December, 1941, at the outbreak of World War II, it had a capacity of one million eggs. All of the equipment at the hatchery is Smith electric equipment. Great care is taken in the handling of the baby chicks, and all precautions are taken and the most sanitary methods are employed. Mr. Hastings is the possessor of a certificate from the Maryland Poultry Improvement Board, and his exhibits have won many prizes in the Maryland State Poultry Shows. He is an active member of the Maryland Poultry Association, the Del-Mar-Va Hatcheryman's Association, the North East Poultry Council, and the International Baby Chick Association. He continues to farm, as well as to raise baby chicks; he now owns three farms and uses modern power machinery for all his farming. In addition to his farm properties, and the hatchery, which is one of the most modern plants of its kind in this entire region, with attractive well-kept buildings, Mr. Hastings owns a summer home at Ocean City and a winter home at St. Petersburg, Florida. When he has time, he takes pleasure in horse races and baseball. Like his father and grandfather, he attends the Baptist Church.

On June 18, 1913 near Wango, Elmer F. Hastings was married to Agnes Belle Laws, the daughter of William R. and Mary Edna (Beathards) Laws.

Like the Hastings family, the Laws family were pioneers on the Eastern Shore. Mrs. Hastings traces descent from William Laws, who was born in Somerset County, Maryland, in 1673. He was a prosperous farmer, who accumulated considerable land and who appears in the records of the day as serving on juries, and on several occasions was foreman of the jury. He married Sarah Bevans, and they were the parents of the following children: John, William, Elijah, Boli-thia, and Esther. William Laws died about the year





*Elmer F. Hastings*





*Agnus Larva Hastings*









*Mary Beller Holland*

1727. After his death, Sarah (Bevans) Laws married Captain Joshua Sturgess, who owned large tracts of land in what was later Worcester County. Three of the children of William and Sarah (Bevans) Laws, John, William and Bolithia, moved to the state of Delaware about 1755, and their descendants took a prominent part in historic events in that state and elsewhere. Several of them served as officers in the country's wars, two were delegates to the Delaware Convention which ratified the United States Constitution, one was Governor of Delaware, another Governor of Missouri and United States Senator from Missouri, and still another was a Rear Admiral in the United States Navy.

Elijah Laws, son of William and Sarah (Bevans) Laws, and a direct ancestor of Mrs. Hastings, was born about 1715 in Somerset County. He owned considerable land in that part of Somerset County which later became Worcester County, and he also owned waterpower mills, which he operated. He served as a justice of the peace, and during the French and Indian War acted as clerk in a company of militia under his stepfather, Captain Joshua Sturgess. After being a member of the vestry in the Church of England, he became a Methodist. He married Comfort Sturgis.

William Laws, son of Elijah and Comfort (Sturgis) Laws and great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Hastings, served as an officer in the Revolutionary War under George Washington. He married Anna Fooks.

William Laws, Jr., son of William and Anna (Fooks) Laws, was born in the ancestral home. He was a large landowner and had about fifty slaves. He married Gertrude Duncan.

William Levi Laws, son of William and Gertrude (Duncan) Laws, and grandfather of Mrs. Hastings, was born in Wango, Wicomico County. As a young man he taught school, and later was a farmer, and also engaged in business as a merchant and a dealer in lumber. He was a member of the old-school Baptist Church, and was very active in local politics, being a staunch Democrat. He helped to organize Wicomico County and was a member of its first board of commissioners. He served for many years on the board of education, and was sent by his fellow citizens to represent them in the House of Delegates. He married (first) Margaret Fooks, who had been born near Pittsville, and they had six children: William Ritchie, James Handy, Thomas Edward, Levi Lee, Anna, and Rose, who died in childhood. William Levi Laws married (second) Cornelia Dixon, and they were the parents of the following children: Albert, who was a West Point Military Academy graduate and a major general in the Spanish-American War, stationed in the Philippine Islands; Herman, Alice May, Victor, and Edith.

Mrs. Hastings' father, William Ritchie Laws, was born September 20, 1855 near Wango in Wicomico County, the son of William Levi and Margaret (Fooks) Laws. He became a farmer and had a farm that was part of the original grant which the Laws family had received from the King of England. He belonged to the old-school Baptist Church, and in politics was a Democrat. He married Mary Edna Beathards, who had been born November 4, 1863 near Powellville in Wicomico County, and they had six children: Grace, who died when twelve years old; Agnes Belle, who was born September 29, 1885 near Wango and who married Elmer F. Hastings; Sallie Edna, who married Thomas McDonough of Parsonsburg; Virgil Fooks, who married Agnes Garrett;

Albert P., who married Maude Purdue and died at the age of twenty-nine; and William, who married Elizabeth Jones, and they have four children, William R., Milton, Grace, and Marie, and live at Snow Hill.

Elmer F. and Agnes Belle (Laws) Hastings are the parents of one daughter, Mary Belle, born September 13, 1918. She was married, on August 14, 1937, at her home in Parsonsburg, to R. Crawford Holland, and they are the parents of three daughters, all born at Parsonsburg, Maryland: Janet Ann, born December 15, 1939; Sandra Lee, born March 2, 1942; and Marlene Patricia, born April 17, 1946. Mr. and Mrs. Holland and their family live in Parsonsburg, and Mr. Holland is associated with the Hastings Hatchery. Since its inception the business has been a family enterprise, operated as a partnership between Elmer F. Hastings and his wife, Agnes (Laws) Hastings, to whom much of the credit for its success is due. To quote again from "The Free State of Maryland," "The records of both the Hastings and Laws families contribute a most creditable chapter to the history of this section of the state, and Mr. Hastings deserves commendation for what he has accomplished in a business way, his life story being worthy of emulation by all who wish to achieve honorable and satisfactory success."

**ROBERT HUTCHIN MATTHEWS**—Engaged in the real estate business in Cambridge, Robert H. Matthews heads a firm which has long been known in that city, gained the confidence of its citizens, and continued successful operation throughout the years. Known as Matthews and Company, the business has always been operated by members of that family.

A native of Fairmont, Robert H. Matthews was born September 27, 1884, son of John S. and Margaret E. Matthews. After his education in the public schools, he accepted employment as a teller in the old Dorchester National Bank where he remained until 1912. In that year he joined with his brother John W., in the formation of the real estate firm of Matthews and Company. In addition to its real estate interests, the firm wrote insurance of all types, and continued without change in its management for over two decades. In 1934 John W. Matthews died, and his brother had as partner for a time, Hubert Wright. A short time later, Robert H. Matthews, Jr., was taken into the firm, and in 1946 another son, Donald, also joined the firm.

Matthews and Company has always been the outstanding concern of its kind in Cambridge. Mr. Matthews has earned the respect of all with whom he has come in contact by his readiness to help, whether it be in a business matter, or relative to the civic improvement of Cambridge or Dorchester County. His friends throughout the community are legion. Outside of his firm, he maintains other business interests. He is vice president of the Cambridge Shipbuilders, Incorporated, manages several farms in the region, and owns the Mecca Hotel. He is secretary of the Greenlawn Cemetery and trustee of the Glasgow estate.

As a Mason, Mr. Matthews is a member of the Cambridge Lodge Number 66. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Cambridge Lodge Number 1271. He serves on the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Matthews was active in both World Wars, and during World War II, was active in community leadership serving in the various fund drives. He was



also chairman of Rationing Board for Dorchester County.

Robert H. Matthews married Beulah Ellen Moore of Cambridge, October 8, 1913. She was the daughter of Perry and Martha Moore, of Elliotts Island. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews are the parents of four children: 1. Robert H., Jr., born in 1914, attended the local schools, Blue Ridge Academy, and the University of Maryland. Thereafter he entered business with his father. He has been in Matthews and Company since, except for his period of service in the United States Army in World War II. He is particularly active in organizational affairs, being a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and the Cambridge Yacht Club, and Country Club. He is also a director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He married Frances Harrington of Taylors Island. 2. Donald Emerson, born February 5, 1918, a graduate of Cambridge High School, and of Washington College, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1940. Enlisting in the United States Army Air Forces, he was commissioned a first lieutenant in 1943, and later a captain. At the termination of his period of service in 1946, he entered Matthews and Company. He is on the Junior Chamber of Commerce and a member of the board of governors of the Cambridge Yacht Club. A captain in the Reserve Corps, he has joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion. He married Mary Louise Wright of Cambridge on August 1, 1943, and they have one child, Ellen Dee, born February 26, 1947. 3. Sewell Ross, born December 29, 1920. He graduated from Cambridge High School, and attended Western Kentucky Teachers College. During World War II, he served in the Seabees as a boatswain's mate, first class. At the present time he operates a school of business. He is married to Virginia Thorley, and they are the parents of one child, Mary Jo. 4. Richard Moore, who was born April 18, 1927. After graduation from Cambridge High School, he attended Western Maryland University. He later served eighteen months in the Merchant Marine, then in the Quartermaster Corps of the United States Army. He is now attending George Washington University.

**CHARLES AWDRY THOMPSON**—One of the progressive young lawyers of Dorchester County is Charles Awdry Thompson, a member of the law firm of Harrington & Thompson. Since his return to civilian life after serving in the United States Navy during World War II, Mr. Thompson has taken a very active part in community affairs in Cambridge. He served as chairman of the Red Cross and treasurer of the Hospital Fund drive.

He was born June 23, 1915, at Hurlock, the son of Ollie H. and Mary Lola (Charles) Thompson, both natives of Dorchester County. His father is a retail merchant.

Charles Awdry Thompson attended the public schools of Hurlock, after which he entered Washington and Lee University, from which he was graduated in 1936 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then studied law in the University of Maryland Law School, graduating in 1940 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the Maryland bar in 1940, and began the general practice of law on January 1, 1941, continuing in private practice until he entered the service in April, 1942. He enlisted in

the United States Navy with the rank of ensign and later became a lieutenant. Most of his service was in the Caribbean, and South America. After his discharge in October, 1945, he became associated with Calvin Harrington, Sr., in the practice of law, and when Calvin Harrington, Jr., was discharged from the service the three practiced under the firm name of Harrington, Harrington & Thompson until the senior partner died in May, 1946, since when it has been Harrington & Thompson. Mr. Thompson is a member of the Dorchester County Bar Association, the Maryland Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He is not only a member but a service officer of the local post of the American Legion. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a Loyal Knight in that organization. He is a member of the Cambridge Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce and of the Cambridge Country Club. His political ties are with the Democratic party. Mr. Thompson's chief outdoor recreation is fishing, but he also makes a hobby of community activities. He is a director of the Red Cross, and in addition to serving as chairman of the Red Cross, and Hospital Fund drives, can always be counted upon to lend time and energy to every good cause.

He married on August 18, 1940, Mary Alice Turner, of Prince Georges County, and they have one child, Julia Anna, born December 7, 1945 in Washington, D. C.

**DANIEL M. WEBSTER**—A veteran business man of Secretary, Maryland, Daniel M. Webster is not only a popular figure in commerce, but is known and honored by a host of people of all ages. One of his achievements is his leadership of one of the oldest firms in the county seat to be operated by one man. He has also to his record, associations with a variety of enterprises, and enlightened citizenship that has promoted the better development of the community and the welfare of its residents.

Born near Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland, on December 1, 1874, Daniel M. Webster is the son of Harrison and Martha (Langford) Webster, both natives of Vienna and both now deceased. When he was ten years old the family removed to Secretary (Maryland) district, and he obtained his education in the schools of his birthplace and Secretary. Until he was twenty-three years of age he remained on his father's farm, before helping to organize the Frank Webster and Brother Hardware Company, which he operated for three years. In 1900 he purchased the concern, which he continues to run. It is probably the oldest concern of its kind in the county to be run by one man. The firm deals in all kinds of hardware, farm implements, seeds, lime, cement, builder's supplies and home appliances. In 1947 his son Raymond Webster, became an equal partner.

For eighteen years from 1900, Mr. Webster was engaged in the canning business with Charles Webster, Sr., of East New Market. From 1912 to 1924 he served as president of the East New Market Bank, and when the bank was absorbed by the County Trust Company of Hurlock, he continued on as a director of the latter institution. In former years, Mr. Webster owned large farming interests raising grain and truck crops. As a director of the old Federalsburg Light and Power Company, he was instrumental in obtaining lighting facilities in Secretary, and was also responsible for road paving improvements. In fact, as a







*M. B. Hawley*

public-spirited citizen of this town he has been active in making Secretary a modern and attractive place in which to live and work. A Democrat in politics, he has been to the fore in party affairs and councils. A devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he has served on the board of trustees for many years, and as its secretary for twenty-five years. Interested in outdoor sports, he especially enjoys a good baseball game.

Daniel M. Webster married (first) Jenny A. Phelan, of Dorchester County, who died in 1940, leaving two children: 1. Eleanor, a graduate of local schools and Goldey Business College, who lives at home. 2. Raymond, born June 22, 1911, who served five years in the United States Army with the rank of staff sergeant in the Coast Artillery Corps; married Audry Lee Chambers, and they have a daughter, Janice Elaine. Raymond Webster is now associated with his father as an equal partner in their hardware business. Daniel M. Webster married (second), in 1943, Carrie Hurst, of Secretary.

**MAGER BREVOORT THAWLEY** is secretary and manager of the A. B. Cochrane Company, lumber dealers of Crisfield. Mr. Thawley has been associated with this concern since 1910, and he is well-known in business and trade organizations of this vicinity, having served in an official capacity with one or another of them at various times. He also takes an active part in church affairs, is a past master of his Masonic Lodge, and past president of the Eastern Shore Baseball League.

He was born September 7, 1884, in Hickman, Caroline County, the son of John Wesley and Adelaide Eugenia (Cochrane) Thawley. John Wesley Thawley, who was born on May 26, 1852, in Caroline County, and died October 23, 1929, at Crisfield, was in the lumber business in Caroline County, and later engaged in the plumbing and heating business in Crisfield. He was a member of the Democratic party and, fraternally, was affiliated with Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. Adelaide Eugenia (Cochrane) Thawley was born in Danielsonville, Connecticut, on January 12, 1857, and died August 19, 1943, at Crisfield. Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Thawley were the parents of eight children: Arthur Everett, born in Caroline County, June 12, 1880, died in 1881; Milton Henry Lindale, born in Caroline County, February 27, 1882; Mager Brevoort, who is the subject of this sketch; Josie Wood, born in Caroline County, May 3, 1886; Myrtle Evelyn, born in Caroline County, March 3, 1889; Minnie Adelaide, born in Caroline County, April 1, 1891, who married Bert J. Hillary and died April 30, 1942, in Crisfield; Belden Baggs, born in Philadelphia, on September 1, 1894; and Marian Atkinson, born in Crisfield, December 5, 1899, died in Baltimore, July 31, 1930.

Mager Brevoort Thawley, the third child of John Wesley and Adelaide Eugenia (Cochrane) Thawley, was educated in the public schools of Caroline County, and later of Philadelphia and of Somerset County. After moving to Crisfield and completing his elementary schooling, he entered the employ of W. A. Patterson, a wholesale confectionery dealer at Crisfield, and worked for him for two years, being thirteen when he thus began his business career. In 1899, at the age of fifteen, he became a clerk in the oyster packing establishment and general store of W. S. Richardson at Marumsco Creek, in Somerset County. After two years in this post and one year as manager

with the F. W. Shivers Company, ice cream manufacturers at Salisbury, he became associated with his father John Wesley Thawley in the management of his plumbing and heating business at Crisfield, and continued in this business until 1910, eight years in all. He then joined the A. B. Cochrane Company, lumber dealers of Crisfield, in the capacity of book-keeper. Seven years later, in 1917, he was advanced to the post of manager and also made secretary of the concern, and he has continued to fill both these posts up to the present time. Mr. Thawley is a director of the Bank of Crisfield. He is a member of the Crisfield Rotary Club, the Crisfield Country Club of which he is vice president, and a member of the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce. He also belongs to the Middle Atlantic Lumbermen's Association and is a past president of the Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia Unit of that association. Fraternally, Mr. Thawley is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and is past master of Chesapeake Lodge Number 147, and also a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He takes a keen interest in sports, particularly baseball, and has served in the past as president of the Eastern Shore Baseball League. In politics, Mr. Thawley tends to follow the Democratic party but is an independent voter. He is an influential member of the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, and has served in the past as presiding officer of its Sunday school; at present he is chairman of the parsonage trustees.

Mager Brevoort Thawley married, at Crisfield, November 22, 1911, Mary Alice Riggin, a native of Crisfield and the daughter of Elisha T. and Mary N. (Somers) Riggin, both natives of Crisfield, the former born October 5, 1851, and died at Crisfield May 16, 1936, the latter born April 18, 1858. Mr. and Mrs. Thawley are the parents of one son, Stanley B. Thawley, born in Crisfield, December 14, 1925. During World War II he saw active service with the United States Army, enlisting on February 5, 1944, and being sent overseas as a member of the infantry of the Ninetieth Division; he took part in the Saar engagement, the Battle of the Bulge, and Luxembourg, and was awarded the Purple Heart, receiving his honorable discharge on July 4, 1946 with the rank of staff sergeant. He is now a student at Haverford College.

**CHARLES W. MOWBRAY, JR.**, who is a leading business man of Cambridge, has a varied background. He has been a teacher in a business college and active in produce marketing. The establishment of which he is proprietor is the Cambridge Cleaners. He has entered fully into the community's civic life.

Mr. Mowbray is a native of Cambridge, and the son of Charles W. and Susie B. Mowbray, who lived on a farm in Dorchester County. He was born January 16, 1898. Educated in the public schools and at Goldey Business College, he remained at the latter institution after his graduation, as a teacher, a post which he occupied for one year. He then entered the produce business on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and remained thus engaged for fourteen years.

In 1933 he purchased the present cleaning establishment under the name of the Cambridge Cleaners, which he continues to operate. He has built his business soundly, on a policy of good service and friendliness, and his enterprise has won widespread patronage among the citizens of the community. He has spared no effort to keep his plant abreast with mod-



ern developments. The firm now gives full-time employment to about twenty persons.

Though a conscientious proprietor, who devotes the larger part of his time to his business and the plans for its improvement, Mr. Mowbray finds time to indulge his active interest in music. Accomplished in this field, he is interested in both its vocal and instrumental phases. In addition, he is a handicraft enthusiast, having a fine metal and woodworking shop in his home.

Mr. Mowbray is a member of the National Association of Cleaners and Dyers. Among local organizations, he belongs to the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and the Rescue Fire Company. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in politics is a Republican. His family attends the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, where he was formerly president of the Men's Bible Class, and remains active in the choir.

On April 6, 1946, Charles W. Mowbray, Jr., married Kathleen Shenton of Taylors Island, daughter of J. Milton and La Venia (Burton) Shenton.

**ALBERT N. FAULKNER**—Starting his career at sixteen, and captain of his own boat at an early age, Albert N. Faulkner acquired sound experience in the oyster business before he "came ashore" to found his own sea food packing plant. His firm, located at Tilghman under the name of A. N. Faulkner and Company, has succeeded well under his able hand. Mr. Faulkner has also developed interests in canning, banking, and agriculture, making one of the most all-round useful contributions to Eastern Shore life.

He was born in Tilghman, March 20, 1871, son of Frederick and Mary E. (Corkran) Faulkner, of Caroline County, where his father was a farmer. His formal education was confined to attendance at a one-room country school. He learned at an early age to depend upon his own efforts to earn a livelihood. At sixteen years of age he took to the fishing trade on Chesapeake Bay, and soon the aggressive youngster was captain of his own boat. This was in 1887, and he continued to follow the water until 1916. In that year he organized the A. N. Faulkner sea food business, and such was his knowledge of the industry and his skill in management that the new firm thrived from the first. Initially it engaged in the packing of oysters, crab, and fish for the Eastern market, but in 1920 expanded its interests to include canning also. The firm continued and prospered under the direction of A. N. Faulkner until 1945, when its founder retired, leaving to his son, Clinton C., the responsibility of its management. The elder Mr. Faulkner, however, has not lost touch with its activities, and is always available in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Faulkner owns a farm near Sherwood, on which wheat, corn, and tomatoes are the main crops. He maintains an interest in local affairs, and still retains a business connection as director of the County Trust Company at St. Michaels.

Long interested in the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Faulkner is a member of Granite Lodge No. 177 at St. Michaels. His church is the Methodist, in which he is a trustee. In his political beliefs, Mr. Faulkner is a Democrat.

Albert N. Faulkner has been married three times. He married, first, Nora Taylor, and of this marriage were born the following children: 1. A. Nelson, born in Youngstown, Ohio. 2. Clara B., married to Mitchell

Howeth of Tilghman. 3. George D., engaged in the management of a canning firm in Virginia. 4. Clinton C., now carrying on the industry established by his father. 5. C. W., located in California as technical adviser to Fox Films.

Mr. Faulkner married, second, Sallie Gibson, who is deceased. He married, third, Emily Lowery.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON BOWER**, who operates a large garage on Route 13 one mile south of Fruitland, is also one of the largest auto wreckers on the Eastern Shore. He has the agency for Reo trucks for a considerable section of this part of Maryland. Mr. Bower has been in the automobile and garage business all his life and has a constantly growing business, having started in a very small way some years ago.

He was born February 21, 1912 at Melson, Delaware, the son of Ammon William Bower, Sr., and Eva Katherine Bower, his father being a farmer.

After attending the elementary school at Delmar, Delaware, Mr. Bower went to work for the Gumby Motor Company of Salisbury in the thirties and learned the trade of automobile mechanic. After other brief connections he farmed for a time with his father. In 1935 he became associated with the Cavanaugh & Ludwig Motor Company in Salisbury as a body and fender man. Two years later, in 1937, he started in business for himself in a one-car garage in Fruitland, on the old Princess Anne Road. Automobile painting and repairing formed the bulk of his early business, and it was not long before he was forced to build a larger garage near the original location. Since 1938, when this garage was built, he has been in the automobile wrecking business, along with auto repairing, and today he is one of the largest auto wreckers on the Eastern Shore. Early in 1940 Mr. Bower began the erection of his present large garage on Route 13 about a mile south of Fruitland. The following year he began to sell Reo trucks in addition to his other business, and in 1947 he acquired the Reo distributorship for the entire Eastern Shore. Mr. Bower attributes much of his success to his wife, who in the early days of the business was responsible for all of the office work and even today takes an active part in all his business dealings. He is a Democrat in his political affiliation, and is a member of St. John's Methodist Church of Fruitland. He belongs also to the Fruitland Lions Club and the Fruitland Volunteer Fire Company.

On March 31, 1934, in Salisbury, George Washington Bower was married to Iris Geraldine Pope, the daughter of William and Edna Mae Pope. Mr. and Mrs. Bower have two children: George Ronald Bower, born February 13, 1935, and Eugene Bruce Bower, born March 21, 1941.

**WILLIAM DOVE NOBLE, M.D.**, chief of staff of the Easton Memorial Hospital of Easton, has been a practicing surgeon in Easton since 1929, and is prominent in medical circles of the Eastern Shore, having filled offices in both county and state medical associations, in which he has always been active.

He was born in Preston on August 5, 1891, the son of Dr. Jacob L. and Mamie Eugenia (Travers) Noble. His maternal grandfather was Judge Levi Travers of Taylors Island, Maryland, one of the organizers of the National Bank of Cambridge, and an outstanding citizen of Dorchester County, a large landowner whose home was for many years a show place of his district.



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William Dove Noble attended the public schools of Preston, graduating from Preston High School. He then entered St. John's College, from which he graduated in 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, after which he became a student in the Medical School of Johns Hopkins University in the class of 1918. Before graduation his class entered the service of the United States Army during World War I, as Base Hospital Number 18 (the Johns Hopkins Unit). He was in France in April of 1918, and it was there that he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Noble was assigned to Operating Team Number 11, and later to Number 511. Subsequently, at the request of Dr. Finney, he was returned to Base Hospital Number 18, from which he was discharged on February 15, 1919. He then entered upon an internship at the Church Home Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, and spent three years at that institution, serving his residency there also. In July, 1922, he set up in private practice in Baltimore, limiting himself to general surgery. Seven years later, on April 9, 1929, he came to Easton to take the place of Dr. Travers as surgeon on the staff of the local hospital, and he has been associated with the Easton Memorial Hospital ever since. In 1946 he was made chief of staff at this hospital. Dr. Noble is a past president of the Talbot County Medical Society; past vice president of the Council of the Medical-Chirurgical Society of Maryland and a member of the council for the past six years; a member of the American Medical Association, and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons; and since 1938 has been a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Noble is a member of the Episcopal Church, and in politics is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Preston Lodge, Number 207, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He belongs to the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, the Tred Avon Yacht Club and the Talbot Country Club. Dr. Noble takes a keen interest in yachting, and in sports in general.

He married on September 14, 1922, Dorothy Klinefelter of Asbury Park, New Jersey. Dr. and Mrs. Noble have three children: 1. Dorothy Harcourt, a graduate of the local schools, who attended also Mary Lyons, and Duke University. She married Walter Mangels, Jr., and they have one child, Brooke Mangels. 2. Jean Levertan, a graduate of the local schools and of St. Catherine's of Richmond, Virginia, and now a junior at Duke University. 3. Anne Cushman, a graduate of the Calvert School and now a student at the National Cathedral School of Washington, D. C.

**ARTHUR C. BRINSFIELD**—In Dorchester County, Arthur C. Brinsfield has a reputation more than local in character as a skilled and up-to-date agriculturalist. He has developed his own places at Reids Grove, Maryland, along the diversified line, utilizing the varied good qualities of soil, climate and markets. His years of work have brought substantial rewards, and it has been characteristic of him that he has never considered himself too busy to enter actively many phases of community life.

Arthur C. Brinsfield was born July 15, 1897, in the Vienna District of Dorchester County, son of Dennard Hicks and Virginia Jennette (Thompson) Brinsfield. Dennard Hicks Brinsfield was born near Reids Grove, Maryland, and died in 1926. Virginia (Thompson) Brinsfield was born in Dorchester County, Maryland, and died in 1928. After attending the public schools of Vienna, Arthur Brinsfield remained with

his parents until a year past his majority. It was on the home place that he learned the basic principles of farming, and from it went into this industry for himself in the Winton Hill section of Maryland. In 1927 he purchased a farm upon which he has since lived and labored at Reids Grove. Here he gave scope to the ideas and experience he had accumulated and is one of the leaders among those who follow diversified agriculture. He grows feed crops such as corn, wheat, oats, and the like, and a variety of truck or vegetable crops, ranging from tomatoes to water-melons and many of those that come in between. He keeps a large number of chickens, and also raises and fattens ten or more head of Aberdeen Angus cattle. All three farms that he operates are equipped with the most modern tools and machinery and he personally keeps abreast of what is going on in agriculture on the Eastern Shore in particular, and in the country in general. He belongs to the Farm Bureau, is a staunch Democrat, and without any seeking of public offices serves his community in many ways. He worships at the Reids Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, where he is a member of the board of trustees, is a lay reader, and a former superintendent of the Sunday school. He is fond of such sports as baseball, basketball, and enjoys motion pictures. One project in which he has been very keenly interested is the rebuilding and modernizing of the original house on the home place.

On January 21, 1920, Arthur C. Brinsfield married May Elizabeth Insley, of Dorchester County, daughter of Joseph Edward and Lula (Robinson) Insley, both of old and prominent families of this section. Mr. and Mrs. Brinsfield are the parents of the following children: 1. Lula Virginia, a graduate of Vienna High School and Western Maryland Teachers College, Bachelor of Arts, class of 1941. She taught school one year in South Maryland, four years at Aberdeen, now living at home. 2. Arthur C., Jr., born November 13, 1922, a graduate of Vienna High School, and attended the University of Maryland. He married Betty Insley. 3. Insley Hicks, born January 25, 1925, a graduate of Vienna High School, attended Salisbury State Teachers College, leaving school to enlist in the Signal Corps of the United States Army. He married Nannie Mitchell, and they have one child, Bonnie Jean, born November 3, 1944. 4. Twila May, a graduate of Vienna High School, and the University of Maryland, Bachelor of Arts, class of 1948. 5. Earl Edwin, born June 13, 1931, a graduate of Vienna High School, class of 1948. 6. Jay Royce, born June 8, 1936, attending Vienna High School.

**JOSEPH B. RAWSON**—Long active in the civil service, as well as in military life, having served his country in two world wars, and risen to the rank of lieutenant colonel, Joseph B. Rawson has now assumed the duties of postmaster in Salisbury.

The son of William J. and Mattie A. (Fowler) Rawson, he was born at Elizabeth, West Virginia, on July 5, 1898. His father, a retired farmer, still lives at the time of this writing; his mother is deceased. Joseph Rawson attended public and high schools in Wicomico County, continuing his education at St. John's College, Annapolis. He interrupted his course at this institution to enter the United States Army at the outbreak of World War I. From the time of his enlistment in 1917, he served with Company I of the First Maryland Infantry, which later became Company I of the 115th United States Infantry. Serving



throughout the war, he saw plenty of action overseas, his regiment being a unit of the Twenty-ninth Division. He was wounded in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. At the time of his discharge in June, 1919, he was an acting first sergeant. A civilian again, he returned to Salisbury, and worked for a time for the H. L. Purnell Company, as shipping clerk, later entering the United States Postal Service, May 1, 1921, in the Salisbury Post Office. He continued military affiliations, however, and in 1923 was commissioned first lieutenant in the National Guard. This commission he resigned in 1932, but in 1940 he rejoined the National Guard with his previous rank. He now holds the rank of lieutenant colonel, Air Force Reserve.

He had served twelve years as local civil service secretary, but in 1941 resigned civil service and postal connections to enter active duty with the Twenty-ninth Infantry Division. Stationed for a time at Fort George G. Meade with the United States Army, he was in March of 1941 assigned to the school at Fort Benning, Georgia, from which he was graduated in June of that year and, returning to Fort Meade, was promoted to captain and put in command of Company C, 115th Infantry from Cambridge, Maryland. This unit was attached to the Twenty-ninth Division, and was active throughout the North Carolina maneuvers.

At the close of the North Carolina maneuvers he was transferred to the United States Army Air Corps and on December 7, 1941, the memorable day of the infamous Pearl Harbor attack, Captain Rawson reported for duty at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama, as ground instructor in the cadet aviation school. He was appointed postal officer of Maxwell Field in March, 1942, and reorganized the postal system there. He also supervised the construction of a cadet post office. On October 19, 1942, Captain Rawson was assigned as commanding officer of an Air Corps squadron being activated to open the Malden Army Air Field at Malden, Missouri. He was promoted to major, and placed in command of a squadron on that field until it was closed in 1945. Then, transferred to the Sedalia Army Air Field at Warrensburg, Missouri, he became administrative officer at the officers' club at that post, serving in that capacity until March 4, 1945. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel prior to his release from the service.

Again wearing the mufti, he returned to Salisbury and to the resumption of his duties with the postal service. Assuming the post of clerk on May 1, 1946, he was promoted within two months to acting postmaster; and on April 5, 1948, he was made postmaster of the Salisbury Post Office.

Mr. Rawson is a loyal advocate of the doctrines of the Democratic party. As would be expected of this veteran of many years' army service, he takes an active interest in the affairs of veterans' organizations: the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Forty and Eight, currently serving as Commissaire Intendant, Voiture 122, Maryland. He also belongs to the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, is a member of Army Advisory Committee of the Second Army, and a member of The National Association of Postmasters of the United States. He is always interested in the welfare of his home community, and is a member of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce. He and his family attend the Trinity Methodist Church.

At Elkton, on December 5, 1941, Joseph B. Rawson married Ruth L. Sherwood, daughter of Harry and Birdie Sherwood.

**WALTER S. McCORD** has succeeded well in two business enterprises. The second of these, a laundry founded by himself in Easton, has experienced a steady and conspicuous growth, bringing into increasing prominence its founder.

Mr. McCord was born in Radnor, Delaware County, Pennsylvania on March 2, 1903, son of Charles D. and Agnes Ellen (McDowell) McCord. His father was connected with the Standard Oil Company, and the family was situated in Easton when the time came for Walter McCord to attend public schools. As a young man he entered the employ of the Talbot Packing and Preserving Company, remaining there for about ten years, progressing rapidly, and taking such an intelligent interest in the business that at the end of that period he was its assistant secretary and treasurer. Concurrently with this connection, Mr. McCord found time to begin the operation of a laundry, in a modest way. This small business, under his own name, was begun in 1926. It was not destined to remain small for long. By 1930 its growth had been so great that it required more of Mr. McCord's time than he could give while still paying conscientious attention to the affairs of the Talbot Packing and Preserving Company. He therefore severed his connection with the latter organization to give his entire time to the laundry.

Its growth has continued, and it has become one of the leading industries of the county. Its plant is modern in every respect, a pleasant working place for its seventy-five employees. It serves not only Talbot County, but the greater part of Queen Annes and Kent counties as well. Its success and public acceptance are evidence of its superior brand of service, and its status as a thriving Talbot County business is secure.

Mr. McCord is past president of the Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia Laundrymen's Association, and a member of the American Institute of Laundrymen. In addition to these connections, indicative of his conscientious attention to developments in his occupation, he is active in local affairs, being president of the Easton Publishing Company, and of the Memorial Hospital board, and a director of the Easton National Bank. He is also a past trustee of Washington College, and served during World War II as chairman of the local Red Cross. He has a number of Masonic affiliations, being a past master of the Easton Lodge, member of the Easton Royal Arch Chapter, the Council, the local Commandery, Knights Templar, and Boumi Temple of the Shrine in Baltimore. He enjoys membership also in the Easton Country Club, and in the Chesapeake Bay and Tred Avon Yacht clubs. His hobbies are golf and gunning.

In addition, Mr. McCord operates two farms totaling two hundred and eighty-five acres, which he turns to the production of poultry and general grain crops. In politics he is an independent Democrat; and he worships at the Christ Episcopal Church, in which he serves as vestryman.

On April 3, 1925, Walter S. McCord married Harriet Valliant, of Oxford, Maryland. They are the parents of a daughter, also named Harriet, who is a graduate of Hannah More Academy, and now attending Mount Holyoke.

**J. McKENNY WILLIS, JR.**—Perhaps no one has done more to improve the lot of the Eastern Shore farmer than J. McKenny Willis. Starting with only





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a public school education, plus a practical knowledge of farming, he looked to what was about him for career-building ideas, and established, through perception and acumen, an exceptional business concern that peculiarly fitted local needs. His firm, under the name of J. McKenny Willis and Son, is located in Easton, where Mr. Willis is active for the community's benefit as well as in club affairs.

Born at Oxford, in Talbot County, on October 30, 1903, he is the son of J. McKenny and Wilhelmina (Seth) Willis. His father is a farmer active in civic affairs, and has been a county commissioner and a member of the school board. The mother died in 1937.

The younger J. McKenny Willis attended school at Oxford, the location of his parents' homestead. He remained with them and engaged in farming until he was twenty-three years old. By that time there had developed quite forcefully in the young man's mind an idea for the improvement of the farmers' marketing conditions. The old method had been to load grain and other crops on the wharfs and railroad platforms to be picked up and sold in Baltimore for whatever they would bring. This was obviously not to the best interests of the farmers. In 1930 he received the support of his father in backing his idea, and he organized a grain and feed business in Easton, offering to farmers facilities to bring in their produce at a stated price which, if unsatisfactory, they can refuse and go elsewhere. The organization assumed the company name of J. McKenny Willis and Son, and enjoyed prosperous dealings from the start. It is now one of the largest concerns doing business in the grain and feed line on the Eastern Shore.

Mr. Willis has made other constructive contributions to the welfare of local farmers. He convinced them that it was to their interest to use as much of their own grain as possible in their feeds, rather than to sell their entire stock of grain and buy the prepared commercial feeds. He installed in his plant modern equipment for the mixing of feeds, and uses equipment and practices which have become standard in all the better feed mills. His company handles a full line of small farm supplies, as well as seeds and feeds.

Mr. Willis has been very active in local affairs, being a director of the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation. He has been a director of the Easton National Bank for fifteen years, and its president since 1946. During World War II he served as chairman of the Talbot County Rationing Board, and has been chairman of the cancer drive, and active on the various fund-raising campaigns for the American Red Cross, the United Service Organizations, and other beneficial wartime and peacetime programs. He is a member of the Philadelphia Commercial Exchange and the Eastern Federation of Feed Merchants. He serves as a member of Governor Lane's advisory committee to the state road commission.

These exceptionally varied activities and responsibilities still leave him time for recreation, but his recreation too is of the more active sort. He is a member of two yacht clubs: the Chesapeake Bay, and the Tred Avon. The improvement of his beautiful home in Talbot County, and the enjoyment of his pleasures, afford him relaxation, and constitute his ideal of what is most worth-while in life. He is a member of the Easton Business Men's Association.

On November 16, 1935, J. McKenny Willis, Jr., was married to McQueen Gibbs of Baltimore, daughter of John S. Gibbs who is associated with the Gibbs

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Packing Company. They have three children, all daughters: 1. Ethel Dixon, born November 23, 1938. 2. Sarah McQueen, born June 27, 1940. 3. Virginia McKenny, born January 29, 1942. All three children were born in Easton.

**WALTER R. HOLLOWAY**—Holloway and Company, funeral directors, is one of the oldest firms of its kind on the Eastern Shore, and serves an unusually large area from Salisbury. The concern is now headed by two sons of the founder, one of whom is Walter R. Holloway, who was born in Wicomico County, August 2, 1899, son of Samuel J. R. and Emma Jane (Toadvine) Holloway. He is a member of the Lions Club of Salisbury, and of professional and community organizations.

The name and family of Holloway is one long established on the Eastern Shore. The ancestry of the family traces to Nicholas Toadville, early Colonial settler, and Joshua Holloway who served in the American Revolution. Elisha Holloway, paternal grandfather, was one of the first county commissioners of Wicomico County, who married Sally McGee. Among the maternal ancestors was Stephen T. Toadvine, clerk of the court, and a cousin, Earnest Toadvine, who was clerk of the circuit court. Daniel James Holloway, paternal ancestor, was treasurer of Wicomico County.

Samuel J. R. Holloway, a graduate of Eckels School of Embalming, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and a pioneer in this profession, founded the business in 1883, and the name Holloway and Company, undertakers, has been retained down to the present, under the capable direction of Walter R. Holloway who became associated with his father at an early age. Samuel Preston Holloway (q.v.) joined the firm in 1927. In the beginning only horses and carriage were available. Long since the equipment has been motorized with cars of the best. The brothers possess one of the finest chapels and funeral homes on the southern Eastern Shore. The chapel seating two hundred and seventy-five persons is equipped with a pipe organ of the newest type. Everything connected with the establishment is complete, modern and impressive. The two brothers have operated the company since the death of their father in 1934.

At Westover, Maryland, on February 1, 1928, Walter R. Holloway married E. Pauline Jones, daughter of George W. and Carrie (Farlow) Jones. Her father is deceased; her mother, in 1948, was living at the age of eighty-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Holloway are the parents of a son: Walter Richard, born November 10, 1928, a student at Eckels School of Embalming, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**SAMUEL PRESTON HOLLOWAY**—For two decades Samuel Preston Holloway has engaged in the undertaking business in Salisbury. At first he was associated with his father, but since the death of the father in 1934, he has been operating the business with his brother, Walter R. Holloway (q.v.). He is one of the best known funeral directors in this section of the Eastern Shore, and as a citizen cooperates actively in community life and affairs. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Lodge Number 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Salisbury.

Samuel Preston Holloway was born on November 30, 1903, son of Samuel J. R. and Emma Jane (Toadvine) Holloway. His father was a funeral director,

graduate of the Eckels School of Embalming, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and became one of the first embalmers on the southern Eastern Shore. He established his business in 1883, and continued his activities in Salisbury from 1900 to his passing in 1934. He was a past president of the Maryland State Funeral Association and of the National Funeral Association.

After completing his education Samuel Preston Holloway was variously employed until 1927, when he became associated with his father as a funeral director. In 1934 he joined his brother, Walter R. Holloway, to take over the family firm, which they have since continued. A fuller account of the development of the business can be found in the preceding sketch of Walter R. Holloway.

On December 20, 1927, at Salisbury, Maryland, Samuel Preston Holloway married Mary Ellen Spry, of Delmar, Delaware, daughter of William Kerr and Katherine (Messick) Spry, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Holloway are the parents of a daughter, Catherine Jane, born December 17, 1932, a student in local schools.

**CHARLES C. HAMPP**—A leader among independent hosiery manufacturers and makers of the well-known Lady Macbeth Hosiery, Charles C. Hampp is the owner and operator of the Easton Full Fashioned Hosiery Mill at Easton. He has been in the field since his apprenticeship days in 1908, when he was only sixteen years old. He is prominent in Easton and Talbot County civic life and in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Hampp was born in Philadelphia on June 15, 1891, the son of Christian William and Anna (Soelle) Hampp. Both of his parents, now deceased, were born in Germany, the mother at Hamburg. The father was a wagon builder.

The public schools of his native Philadelphia gave Mr. Hampp his entire education. For his apprenticeship as a maker of full-fashioned hosiery, Mr. Hampp went to work with the Apex Hosiery Company of Philadelphia in 1908. He remained with this concern for several years after completing his apprenticeship, and then entered the employ of the Hancock Hosiery Company, another Philadelphia firm, with which he continued for seven years. Still another seven years he spent with the Largeman-Gray Hosiery Company, and for six subsequent years he worked for the Gotham Hosiery Company. From the North Mr. Hampp then swung to the South, and worked for seven years with the Diamond Full Fashioned Hosiery Company at High Point, North Carolina. His final three years as an employee were spent with the Burlington Mills.

In 1942 Mr. Hampp came to the Eastern Shore and purchased the Easton Full Fashioned Hosiery Mill, which had been established in 1936, and this plant he has operated since with increasing success. Mr. Hampp experienced his greatest difficulties during World War II, when shortages hampered his operations, but he overcame these by using rayon. Since the war he has returned to nylon and, to a smaller extent, silk. The demands for his goods have been so great that, in 1946, he was obliged to enlarge his plant and to install additional machinery. This new machinery includes air conditioning equipment. He employs twenty-five persons and has adhered exclusively to a hosiery output. His Lady Macbeth stockings sell in Philadelphia, New York City and the entire Middle West. Mr. Hampp is currently serving

on the board of governors of the Association of Independent Hosiery Manufacturers.

He is also a member of the Coats Lodge, Number 102, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; the Rotary Club of Easton, the Talbot Country Club, and the Miles Yacht Club, and is on the board of stewards of the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church of Easton. Politically he is an independent Republican. Golf and boating are his favorite recreations.

Mr. Hampp married Bertha L. Barker of Hornell, New York, on August 13, 1921. She is the daughter of William and Hattie Leora (Burr) Barker, both of whom were also born in New York State. A daughter and son were born to the marriage—Leora A. Hampp, now Mrs. John F. Hussey, of Florence, South Carolina, and mother of John and Charles Hussey; and Charles William Hampp, who married Mary Lou Porter of Eldorado, Arkansas, and is the father of a son, Charles William Hampp, Jr. The senior Charles William Hampp is a military veteran of World War II. He entered the service in September, 1942, his service beginning with a year's training in radio maintenance, following which he was attached to the Eighth Air Force as a radio operator, serving as a sergeant in the European Theater of Operations. He was discharged at Greensboro, North Carolina, in November, 1945. John F. Hussey is now a lieutenant, senior grade, in the carrier aircraft service unit at Norfolk, Virginia, United States Naval Reserve.

**BRADLEY'S HATCHERY**—Eighteen years after its founding by Will J. Bradley, Bradley's Hatchery, now operated by Allen M. Bradley, is one of the largest and most successful enterprises of its kind on the Eastern Shore. Its capacity is constantly increasing, and at present it produces an average of forty thousand chicks a week.

This hatchery was established about 1930, by Will J. Bradley, in Oxford, Maryland. Beginning in a modest way, this promising industry was first housed in the cellar of his home there. Two machines, Buckeyes, were initially used in the custom hatching of chicks for the local trade. In 1938, Will Bradley moved his business to Easton, and built the business' first building there in that year. It housed four units, but Mr. Bradley had the foresight to plan for the growth of his undertaking. In 1944 increased business made further additions to the building necessary, and incubation capacity was increased with the addition of two Buckeye Streamliners. At present the capacity stands at three hundred and three thousand, and production averages forty thousand per week throughout the year. The trade territory of the Bradley Hatchery covers the Eastern Shore. The demand for broilers in particular has necessitated the increased capacity, and accounts largely for the present booming business volume.

Will J. Bradley operated the enterprise which he had founded, until 1943. In that year, Allen M. Bradley took over its management, buying a half interest. In 1945, Will J. Bradley died and his wife, Helen, has continued with his interest in the business. At present the business employs the full-time services of seven employees. A recent feature to be added is the sexing service, started in 1947. Bradley's Hatchery not only sexes its own chicks, but provides this service for others. The hatchery has received national recognition, for in 1948 it had the signal honor to be selected to hatch the "Chicken of Tomorrow" contest eggs, entered by contestants from all over the United







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States. Bradley's Hatchery belongs to the North-eastern Poultry Council, the International Baby Chick Association, and the Del-Mar-Va Broiler Association.

Allen M. Bradley, the present proprietor of Bradley's Hatchery, was born in Dorchester County, in the town of Vienna, August 29, 1907. He was the son of Albert S. and Christianna (Donoho) Bradley. His father, a farmer in Dorchester and Wicomico counties, is now deceased, as is his mother, a native of Wicomico County. He was educated in the schools of Vienna and Dover. His early experience in the poultry business was gained when as a young man he took employment in Willing's Hatchery at Sharptown, where he remained for six years. In 1943, he bought a half interest in Bradley's Hatchery, as outlined above, and has since been largely influential in producing the remarkable results, and laying the foundation for the exceptional prosperity, which we have noted in connection with this undertaking. He is vice president of the Maryland Chicken Co-op, at Denton, president of the Talbot County Poultry Association, and a director of the Maryland State Poultry Council. He is a member of the Rotary Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Business Men's Association of Easton. The Maryland Chicken Co-op, mentioned above, has been one of his favorite projects, for he was the chairman of its organization committee and its first president. He was a pioneer in the sexing of chicks in the state of Maryland, and has taught several classes in this practical science at the University of Maryland. At the time when Mr. Bradley became proficient in this field, only about ten men in the United States could make the same claim.

Mr. Allen Bradley is a member of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, and serves as a member of the board of stewards. He is a Democrat in his political views. For recreation he prefers gunning and bird hunting, and is a lover of dogs.

On June 24, 1933, Allen M. Bradley married Gladys M. Booze of Cambridge, Dorchester County. They are the parents of two children: 1. Kay Christianna, born April 20, 1936. 2. Kit Medford, born January 14, 1939.

**JOHN MACE, JR., M.D.**—Dr. John Mace, Jr., has a surgical practice in the city of Cambridge, which, during nearly twenty years' time, has become quite extensive. During this period he has filled a number of appointments in this community.

Descended from one of the older families of the Eastern Shore, Dr. Mace is the son of Dr. John and Della (Briley) Mace. He was born in Cambridge December 2, 1904, and his education began in the public schools there. Attending the University of Maryland, he received from that institution both the degree of Bachelor of Science, in 1924, and Doctor of Medicine, in 1928. For fifteen months after completion of his studies, he was intern at the Church Home & Infirmary in Baltimore, and was then resident surgeon at the Maryland Penitentiary Hospital. In 1930 he began practice in Cambridge. Since 1936, when he completed the MacKenzie postgraduate course in surgery at St. Luke's and Children's hospitals, the major portion of his practice has been devoted to general surgery.

Dr. Mace is chief of staff of the Cambridge Hospital, and consultant surgeon at the Eastern Shore State Hospital. He is likewise surgeon for the Penn-

sylvania Railroad, and a former city health officer of Cambridge. His professional memberships include the American Medical Association, the Maryland State Medical Society, the Dorchester County Medical Society, the American Association of Industrial Surgeons, and International College of Surgeons.

Active in Masonic organizations, Dr. Mace is past master of the Cambridge Lodge Number 66, Free and Accepted Masons, belongs to the Cambridge Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to the Council, and to the Commandery of the Knights Templar. He is also affiliated with Boumi Temple of the Shrine in Baltimore. For recreation, Dr. Mace enjoys fishing and yachting, and is a member of the Cambridge Country and Yacht clubs. He attends Christ Protestant Episcopal Church.

On April 2, 1932, Dr. John Mace, Jr., married Anne Brown, of Albany, Georgia. They are the parents of a daughter, Anne Elizabeth, born in 1938.

**CARROLL H. CHARMAN**—Engaged in the plumbing and heating business in his own name in Salisbury, Carroll H. Charman puts to constructive use the skills learned during his entire career in the trade. The concern which he manages has grown steadily during its six years of existence, and emphasizes sound workmanship and conscientious business practices.

Mr. Charman was born near Camden, New Jersey, November 29, 1895, son of William Oscar and Annie M. (Kraft) Charman. His father, who was a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was both a merchant and a farmer. His wife was likewise a Philadelphian. Both are now deceased.

After attending public schools in Magnolia, New Jersey, Mr. Charman completed his secondary education at Haddon Heights High School, also in that state. He apprenticed himself in the plumbing and heating trade on graduation from school, and continued as a skilled workman in New Jersey for several years before associating himself with the Holland Furnace Company, being that firm's representative in Atlantic City, New Jersey, for eleven years.

In 1939 Mr. Charman came to Salisbury, Maryland, still as representative of the Holland Furnace Company, and continued in their employ until 1943. In that year, he utilized his skill and understanding of the plumbing and heating trade to establish himself in business in Salisbury; and his enterprising nature and skill in business management have been largely instrumental in the shaping of the company's success. His plant is most modern in design and equipment, and gives employment to twenty-two persons, both in the trade and in office work. It installs all types of heating equipment. It has a fleet of eight regular trucks, and one truck equipped for furnace cleaning.

Mr. Charman is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Salisbury, and of the Salisbury Yacht and Country Club. An active fraternalist, he is a member of Salisbury Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is affiliated with the colleagues in his business through the National Heating and Air Conditioning Association. Golf and fishing are Mr. Charman's favorite outdoor recreations. He and his family attend the Christian Science Church.

In 1929, Carroll H. Charman married Grace A. Farlow of Haddon Heights, New Jersey, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Doris, who married Kenneth Smith. They have one son, Kenneth, and one daughter, Carolyn Doris. 2. Robert Farlow, who mar-



ried Margaret Heath, and is the father of a child, Peggy Ann. 3. Betty Farlow. 4. Shirley Farlow. Mr. Charman's address is Spring Hill Road, in Salisbury.

**WILLARD FRAMPTON CARROLL**, owner and operator of Talbot Motors of Easton, which handles sales and service for Plymouth and Chrysler automobiles, also operates an appliance store in Easton, where all types of household appliances are available. Mr. Carroll takes an active interest in community affairs. He is a director of the Easton Business Men's Association, and a trustee and member of the official board of Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Willard Frampton Carroll was born in Trappe on September 22, 1900, the son of Charles and Sadie E. (Adams) Carroll of Talbot County. The former, who was a farmer, now deceased, died at Trappe, Maryland, the latter still living. After attending elementary school and high school at Trappe, Mr. Carroll at the age of nineteen began work in the garage business, which he learned while in the employ of the Cadillac Company in Easton. After twelve years with this concern he went into business for himself in 1933, first operating a repair business for three years and then, in 1936, acquired the Chrysler and Plymouth franchise under the name of Talbot Motors, Inc., which was later changed to Talbot Motors. In addition to Talbot Motors, which furnishes completely modern sales and service, Mr. Carroll sells all kinds of household appliances, and other items in his modern appliance store. He is a member of the Automobile Trade Association of Maryland and of the National Automobile Dealers Association. In politics, Mr. Carroll is an independent voter, and his religious connections are with the Pilgrim Holiness Church, where he is a trustee and a member of the official board.

He married on January 5, 1922, Estella Stradley of Galena, Maryland, Kent County, the daughter of Victor and Annie Stradley of Galena. Estella Stradley Carroll was born March 8, 1899, and died February 9, 1949. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll became the parents of two children: 1. Willard Frampton, Jr., a graduate of the local schools, and of Eckels College in Philadelphia. During World War II he served in the United States Navy, from 1941 to 1945, holding the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, and is still a member of the United States Naval Reserve. He is associated with John D. Williams. He married Dorothy Holland. 2. Phillip Henry, a graduate of Easton High School, and now associated with his father in Talbot Motors. He spent three years in the United States Navy during World War II, serving as motor mechanic mate, second class. He married Bertha Brockley.

**ARTHUR JOHNSON GRYMES**, president of the Oxford Boat Yard Company, has been a New Yorker most of his life. When in 1945 he moved his place of residence to Ship's Point and assumed his present position at Oxford, he brought over thirty years' experience in shipbuilding and repair. His success in the management of the Oxford Boat Yard Company proves the validity of his previous experience.

Mr. Grymes is a native of Orange, New Jersey. He was born June 19, 1895, son of Arthur J. and Laura (Forman) Grymes. Perhaps an explanation of his preference for the Eastern Shore as a place to live and to be in business lies in the fact that both of

his parents are natives of this part of the country. His father came from King George County, Virginia, and his mother from Talbot County, Maryland.

After attending public schools, Mr. Grymes prepared for advanced education at Montclair Academy. He then attended Stevens Institute, from which he graduated in 1918. All of his business career since that time has been spent in ship construction and repair, chiefly with the Brewer Dry Dock Company of Staten Island, New York, of which concern he was for thirty years a director. Also during the years at Staten Island, he was an official of the Mariner Harbor National Bank there.

Since early childhood Mr. Grymes has been making regular visits to the Eastern Shore, and his being offered the presidency of the Oxford Boat Yard Company gave him the opportunity to settle here permanently. Since 1945 he has made his residence at Ship's Point. Since his arrival his interests have enlarged to include the building of a hotel as well as of ships. The Tidewater Inn, a modern and well-located hotel of one hundred rooms, is under construction at the time of this writing, and is a project of the Hotel Talbot Corporation, of which Mr. Grymes is the president.

In addition to building yachts, Mr. Grymes is a sailing enthusiast. He is a member of both the Tred Avon and the Chesapeake Bay yacht clubs. He also belongs to the Talbot Country Club, and has retained membership in the Whitehall Club of New York since the days of his residence there. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Hope Lodge Number 124, Free and Accepted Masons, located in East Orange, New Jersey, and is a Scottish Rite Mason. He attends Christ Church in Easton.

During World War I, Mr. Grymes served his country as a sergeant in the Corps of Engineers.

On June 9, 1921, Arthur Johnson Grymes married Muriel Saltonstall, of West Virginia. They are the parents of three children: 1. Arthur J., III. 2. Muriel Saltonstall. 3. Susan Hunter, who is married to John G. Mackey.

**GRANVILLE HOOPER**—A member of one of the oldest Maryland families, Granville Hooper of Cambridge, has added new lustre to an honored name, for he is one of the representative business men of Cambridge where he is connected with the various civic, commercial, and financial enterprises. He has been a lifelong resident of Cambridge, where he was born on July 7, 1894, son of the late Richard Andrew and Caroline (Davis) Hooper.

He is descended from a family connected with American history from colonial days, the ancestral line being traced back through seven generations to Henry Hooper, I, who came into the Province of Maryland from England in 1651 with his wife Sarah, and their children and settled on the Patuxent River in what is now Calvert County. About 1667 Henry Hooper, I, and his family made Dorchester County their permanent home and the records show that Henry Hooper, I, became a large landowner and a great provincial leader of his day.

Henry Hooper, I, and his wife Sarah were the parents of Henry Hooper, II, who was twice married and by his second marriage to Mary Woolford, a son, Henry Hooper, III, was born. This son, who later became Colonel Henry Hooper, III, with his wife Mary, and their children lived at Warwick Fort Man-





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Granville Hooper





or, one of the oldest estates in Dorchester County, and which Colonel Hooper purchased from Major Nicholas Sewall in 1720. Among their children were Thomas Hooper and General Henry Hooper, the latter a general in the Colonial Army in the Revolutionary War.

Thomas Hooper and his wife Mary were the parents of Richard Hooper, also a native of Dorchester County. In 1805, this Richard Hooper married Margaret Hutchinson, of Dorchester County and their family included Josiah Hooper, of Dorchester County, who was a very prosperous farmer and a man of superior intelligence, well-posted on the affairs of his day and an outstanding man in his community. This Josiah Hooper married Margaret Collison and their son, Richard Andrew Hooper, became the father of Granville Hooper.

The ancestry of Richard A. Hooper has been given, and although he might be rated as one of the modern generation, he was in his way a pioneer, for he is credited with being the first to bring ice to Dorchester County. He built his own special boats for this purpose, secured natural ice in New England ports and transported it up the rivers along the Eastern Shore.

Granville Hooper began his education in the elementary grades of the Cambridge public schools and later became a high school student. In 1909, at the age of fourteen he entered the employ of the Robinson & Dail Wood and Coal Yard, working first as an errand boy and later in a clerical capacity. After nine years he purchased the Robinson interest in the business and in 1922 acquired the Dail interest. Since that time he has been the sole owner and the company has been operated under the Hooper name. Since 1935 another activity of the firm has been the distribution of Gulf Oil Company Products for Cambridge and vicinity. It thus has turned out that Granville Hooper handles all kinds of fuel, and has advanced step by step carrying on the business methodically, displaying energy and enterprise in its management, and the success that is now his is the direct outcome of his industry and close application.

Mr. Hooper is a trustee of Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland, a member of the board of directors of the County Trust Company, and also a director of the Herbert Hearn Hardware Company, and is president of the Cambridge Cemetery Company. His sound judgment causes his co-operation to be sought along these various lines and his efforts bring forth desired results.

On the 15th of June 1921, Mr. Hooper married Anna Beatrice Musselman, the youngest daughter of the late George T. and M. Viola (Powell) Musselman, of Cambridge, Maryland. They are the parents of two daughters: 1. Anne, born April 21, 1924, in Cambridge, Maryland; educated at the Cambridge High School and the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia; she is now the wife of Robert E. Anderson, Hagerstown, Maryland and the mother of three sons: Robert E., Jr., Timothy Hanks, and Patrick Alan. 2. Jane, born January 23, 1927, in Cambridge, Maryland; educated at the Cambridge High School and Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania; she is now the wife of Robert Thomas Keating, East Orange, New Jersey, and the mother of a daughter, Claire.

Mr. Hooper is a faithful member of Zion Methodist Church, Cambridge, in which he is serving as a trustee and as chairman of the board of stewards. He formerly served as assistant superintendent of the Church

School. He was also a delegate to the Uniting Conference of the three Methodist churches, held in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1939. He is active in the annual conference of his church, and is a member of its finance committee. He does much to advance the work of the church and is thus contributing in considerable measure to the moral progress of his community.

In addition to his other interests, Mr. Hooper is very active in Rotary, having been a past president of the Cambridge Club, is a member of the Cambridge Yacht Club, and in politics is a prominent Democrat, influential in party affairs, and has been a member of the Maryland State Central Committee for twelve years. He is now completing his sixteenth year as city councilman of Cambridge and as chairman of the board exercises his official prerogatives in behalf of the municipal welfare and upbuilding. He finds diversion from business, church and civic duties in gunning, farming and stamp collecting. His many friends and acquaintances hold him in the highest esteem, and speak of him as one who is cordial and loyal in his social and business relations, and at all times dependable in every relation of life.

**ROBERT HARLAN ROBERTSON**—As banker and industrialist, Robert Harlan Robertson has played a prominent role in the development and prosperity of Pocomoke City, of which he has been a resident over a period of more than four decades. Along with business he has combined civic and religious and humanitarian services of no small value to the community, where he is a highly esteemed citizen.

Born at Quantico, Maryland, December 15, 1877, Robert Harlan Robertson is the son of Robert Greensbury and Rebecca Caroline (Bacon) Robertson. From 1882 to 1896, he was a student in the grade and high schools of Wicomico County, Maryland, and then was graduated from the Goldey Business College, at Wilmington, Delaware.

The first employment of note of Mr. Robertson was as accountant and foreman of a lumber plant at Whaleyville, Virginia, with the Jackson Brothers Company, then in 1901 he began a few years' connection with the Atlantic Coast Lumber Company, at Georgetown, South Carolina. From 1903 to 1907, he was an employee of the Surry Lumber Company, of Dondron, Virginia. Mr. Robertson resigned from this position to become part-owner of the Pocomoke City Foundry and Machine works, of which he has been manager since 1907. He also is president and a director of the Citizens National Bank, of Pocomoke City. From 1938 to 1939, he was president of Group Six of the Maryland Bankers Association. In 1918 Mr. Robertson served as delegate to the Maryland Legislature, and throughout his life has been coöperative with many public-spirited activities. He gives allegiance to the Democratic party, but is very much an independent in his political thinking and support of office seekers. He is a trustee of the Pocomoke City High School, a Rotarian, and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic Order, a past master of his lodge. An elder in the Presbyterian Church, he holds the unusual record of serving as superintendent of the Sunday school for thirty-five years.

On September 5, 1905, Robert Harlan Robertson married Gertrude L. Kerns, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. Julia Bacon. 2. Annie Kerns, who married Sylvester Thomas Schickltanz. 3. R. Harlan, Jr.

**HOWARD C. ELEY**—For some time prominent in contracting work in Easton and Queen Anne, Howard C. Eley also has in his varied background teaching, poultry raising, and the lumber business. During the years of his activity in construction, his capabilities have been acknowledged by his being given some of the most important contracts on the Eastern Shore. He is active in civic and business affairs.

Born in Berne, Indiana, November 5, 1901, Mr. Eley is the son of William and Hannah Celena (Rawley) Eley. The father was a farmer. This couple, both still living, were the parents of seven children. Howard C. Eley, after completing his public school education, attended Johns Hopkins University summer school. He has also taken a correspondence course in mechanical engineering.

Mr. Eley began his career teaching in Tri-County High School, a position he held for six years. He then entered business for himself, operating a lumber concern in Queen Anne, Talbot County, Maryland. The scope of his activities grew, and he later added construction work and general contracting. This has been his primary interest up to the present time. In 1930, however, he also developed a considerable poultry business, raising broilers, and bringing the productive capacity of his farm up to a volume of one hundred thousand chicks.

Since 1935 Mr. Eley has had most of the better class of construction work, having been contractor for both the Ford and Chevrolet garage buildings in Easton, and the Tidewater Inn, a large local hotel. He is a member of the Del-Mar-Va Lumbermen's Association.

Mr. Eley serves as a director of the Easton National Bank. For two terms he was president of the Easton Memorial Hospital, and remains a director of that institution. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Easton and of the Talbot Country Club. He enjoys, for recreation, such outdoor sports as fishing and golf. He is a Methodist in religious faith, and is superintendent of the Sunday school at the Hillsboro church of that denomination, in Hillsboro. Politically, Mr. Eley affiliates himself with the Democratic party, but votes independently.

On December 29, 1926, Howard C. Eley married Elizabeth Barton Jump, of Queen Anne. She is the daughter of Le Roy Jump, who died in 1918, and of Sallie (Barton) Jump. Both parents were lifelong residents of Queen Anne. Mr. and Mrs. Eley have two children: 1. Elizabeth, a graduate of the local schools, now attending the National Cathedral School at Washington, D. C. 2. Sally, attending Centerville High School.

**STANLEY GODMAN ROBINS**—For a number of years Stanley Godman Robins has successfully practiced law in Salisbury, both in partnership and individually. He is active in the community's club life and political affairs.

Mr. Robins was born September 20, 1900, in Crisfield, where his father, John B. Robins, a lawyer of outstanding ability, had his office. He married Dorothy Fiedler, and died in 1940. Stanley Robins commenced his education in the schools of Crisfield, later attending Washington College, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1921. He received at Washington College the Philadelphia Alumni Medal for the best all-round record; and was selected all-time quarterback on J. Thomas Kebler's Washington

College Eleven. Also while at Washington College, he was captain of football, basketball and baseball teams for two consecutive years, 1919-1921. In football he was all-Maryland quarterback, and played forward on the basketball team. He was also valedictorian of his class and was president of the student council.

On completing his courses at Washington College, Mr. Robins entered the University of Maryland Law School, completing his course there in 1923.

Mr. Robins' legal career began in the law office of his father, with whom he remained one and a half years. Coming to Salisbury in 1925, he joined the firm of Ellegood, Freeny and Wailes, which in 1927 became Wailes and Robins. Mr. Robins formed a new partnership in 1934, however, the firm being known as Long and Robins; but on November 1, 1942, he opened his own office and has been practicing independently since then. He has become widely known throughout the Eastern Shore region, and is entitled to practice in any court. He is past president of the Wicomico Bar Association, and a member of the American and the Maryland bar associations.

In addition to conducting his private practice, Mr. Robins is director and attorney of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Salisbury. A Republican, he is a member of the board of supervisors of election, of Wicomico County.

Mr. Robins enjoys lodge and fraternal activities. A Mason, he is a member of Chesapeake Lodge No. 147; and he belongs to Phi Kappa Sigma. He takes a great interest in sports, belongs to the State Sportsmen's Club, and was one of the organizers of the Wicomico 'Coon Hunters' Club of Wicomico County. His church is the Asbury Methodist Episcopal, of Salisbury.

At Crisfield, June 16, 1926, Stanley Godman Robins married Jane Loreman, daughter of Harold L. and Edna E. (Tawes) Loreman. They are the parents of three children: 1. John B., born at Crisfield, January 29, 1928. 2. Ann Garrett, who was born at Crisfield, November 7, 1930. 3. Jane Lynne, born at Salisbury, September 16, 1934.

**RAYMOND CURTIS DRYDEN**—One of the older firms in Pocomoke City, engaged in feed and farm supplies is the Eagle Mills, now owned and managed by Raymond Curtis Dryden and his sister. This firm was started in 1865, and acquired by the Dryden family in 1916.

Mr. Dryden was born on July 4, 1919, at Pocomoke City, Maryland, son of Raymond Curtis and Helen (Beauchamp) Dryden. His mother was born near Westover, Maryland; his father, born near this same place on May 3, 1882, died near Smyrna, Delaware, August 3, 1939. As the owner of Eagle Mills, to the time of his passing, the elder man figured prominently in local business circles, and was popular in a number of organizations such as the Rotary Club, of which he was a former president, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Raymond Curtis Dryden attended the grammar schools of his birthplace, was graduated from the Pocomoke High School, class of 1936, and studied for two and a half years in the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Finance and Business Administration. He began his association with his father in business in 1939. On August 3, of that year, the elder man died, and the Eagle Mills have since been owned and operated by Raymond C. Dryden and his sister, the former being the managing partner. The activities of the firm are confined to the



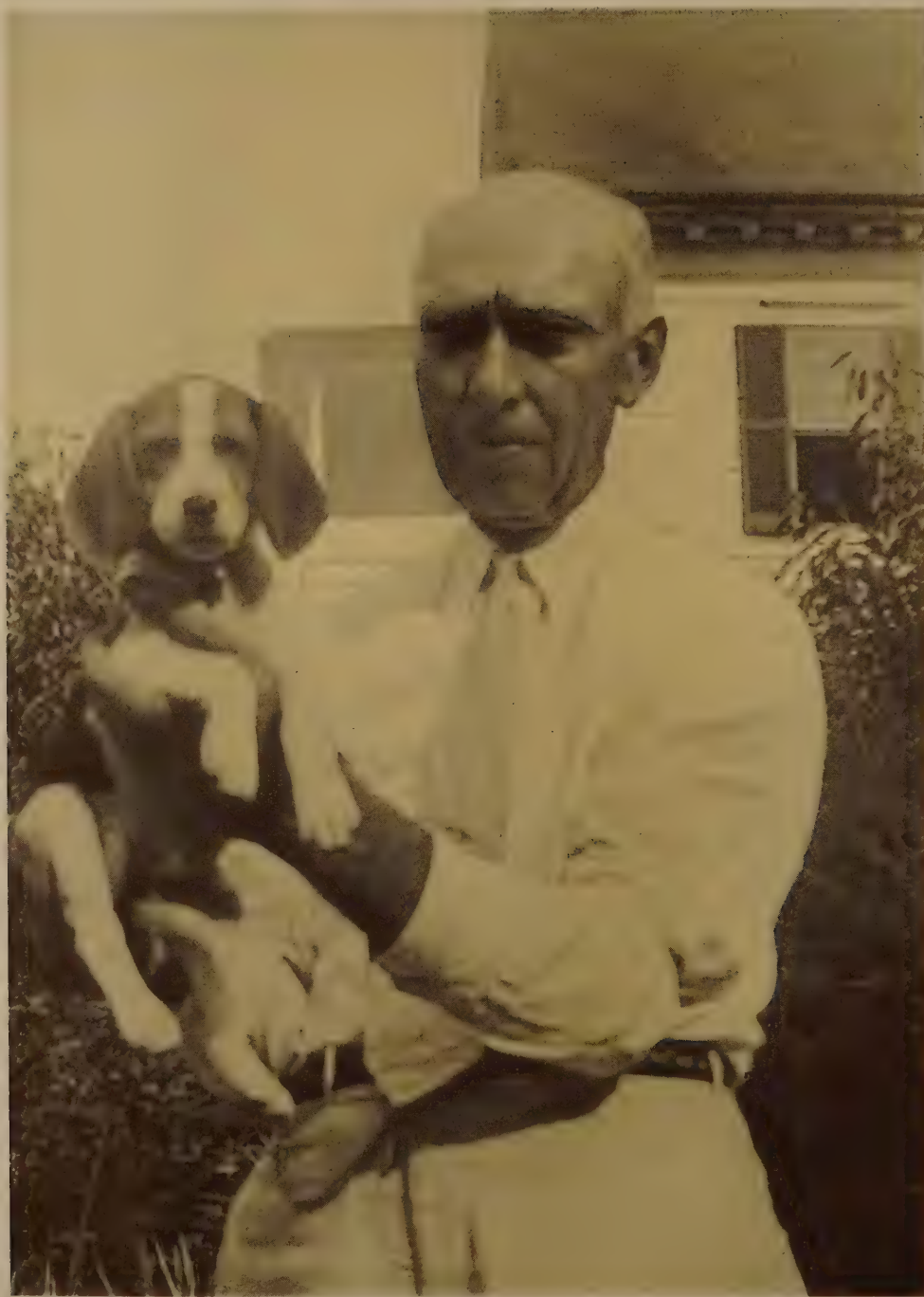


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manufacture of flours and feeds, and the retailing of them and seed to the public in general. The firm was established in 1865 by Riley Stevenson, and run by him until 1916, when it was disposed of to Raymond Curtis Dryden. Some fifteen people are employed on the average.

The career of Mr. Dryden has not been without interruptions, for he served in the United States Navy during World War II, from August 30, 1944, to February 28, 1946. He is a member of the board of directors of the Citizens National Bank, of Pocomoke, and of the National Grain and Feed Dealers Association. For the year 1943-44, he was president of the Pocomoke Rotary Club. His university fraternity was Delta Sigma Phi, and he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons. He finds recreation at the Winter Quarters Country Club, and attends the Presbyterian Church.

On Chincoteague Island, Virginia, on June 15, 1940, Raymond Curtis Dryden married Sarah Conant, who was born at Norfolk, Virginia, January 3, 1921, daughter of Leroy and Hulda (Clapper) Conant. Her father was born on Chincoteague Island, and her mother at Zanesville, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Dryden are the parents of two sons: 1. William Conant Dryden, born at Baltimore, Maryland, August 27, 1946. 2. Raymond C. Dryden, 3rd, born December 25, 1947.

**WILSON KING BARNES**—Successful in the practice of law in Baltimore, Wilson King Barnes has also, while still a young man, a creditable record in public office, and is active in professional organizations and club life.

He was born in Pocomoke City, Worcester County, April 17, 1907, the son of James Upshur and Annie (King) Barnes. Attending Pocomoke City High School, he was graduated in 1924, then entered Western Maryland College, where he took his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1928. Followed his legal training, which was completed in 1931 when he received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the Law School of the University of Maryland.

Admitted to the bar of the Court of Appeals of Maryland in 1931, he has since practiced in the city of Baltimore. He was first employed as law clerk to the Honorable W. Calvin Chesnut, United States District Judge, occupying this position from 1931 to 1933. Then, until 1936, he was associated with G. Ridgely Sappington, Esquire, of the Baltimore bar. It was in 1936 that Mr. Barnes established his private practice, with offices in the Fidelity Building in Baltimore. The success of this practice brought him to the fore as one fitted for public office, and from 1940 to 1942 he was assistant city solicitor of the city of Baltimore, following this with a term as deputy city solicitor until 1943. Resigning in August of that year, he became a partner in the law firm of Carman, Anderson and Barnes, with which firm he continues to practice law at the present time. Mr. Barnes was appointed by the Court of Appeals of Maryland in March, 1944, as secretary and member of the Maryland State Board of Law Examiners, and still retains this position.

Mr. Barnes holds membership in a number of organizations. Among the professional societies of which he is a member are the American Bar Association, the Maryland State Bar Association, the Baltimore City Bar Association, and the Barristers Club. He is a member of the Maryland Historical Society, and of the Star Spangled Banner Flag

House Association. His clubs are the University of Baltimore, and the Eastern Shore Society, of which he was president in 1947. His college fraternity is Gamma Beta Chi. He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

In Baltimore, on April 30, 1938, Wilson King Barnes married Elizabeth Maxwell Carroll Chesnut, daughter of W. Calvin and Florence (Carroll) Chesnut. They are the parents of two children: 1. William Calvin Chesnut, born July 23, 1940. 2. Wilson King, Jr., born March 18, 1942.

**JAMES H. LARMAR**, prominent realtor of Salisbury, was president of the Larmar Corporation, which he organized; and he had been active for nearly two decades before his death in developing and building in the Salisbury vicinity. Mr. Larmar spent many years of his career in the woodworking trade, but his particular interests and aptitudes led to his entering the real estate field, and the founding of the Larmar Corporation. His success has amply proven the wisdom of his choice. Mr. Larmar was also widely known as a sportsman, especially interested in the breeding of pedigreed English beagle dogs.

Mr. Larmar, a native of Wicomico County, was born in 1875, son of William T. and Virginia Larmar, natives of the Rockawalking section. In 1890 he came with his parents to Salisbury, and there completed his education, and apprenticed himself in the woodworking trade to Thomas H. Mitchell, at the Mitchell plant on Lake Street. He learned the trade rapidly, and when he had become a proficient worker, accepted a position as foreman of the E. S. Adkins woodworking shop. There he was employed for thirty years before entering the real estate field.

In 1930 he became one of the organizers of the Larmar Corporation, and served as its president from the time of its incorporation in that year, until his death. He was an able business executive, and successful as a developer of real estate projects, possessing at once imagination and the realism of a skillful appraiser. His name was identified with a number of prominent building enterprises, which were a credit to a progressive community.

Mr. Larmar was well-known among Eastern Shore sportsmen. As a breeder of pedigreed English beagle dogs, he maintained extensive kennels on the old Cannon farm on Zion Road, near Salisbury. He was instrumental in organizing the Peninsula Beagle Club in that city.

On December 3, 1899, James H. Larmar married Margaret M. Bremer, daughter of John William and Anna Dorothea Bremer. They resided in Baltimore.

Mr. Larmar died at the Peninsula General Hospital, on August 18, 1948. His contribution to the life of his community was a notable one, and he will be greatly missed by those who had the privilege of his acquaintance.

**JAMES THOMAS NOCK, D.D.S.**—In the professional coterie of Pocomoke City, Dr. James Thomas Nock has come to be one of its notable members. In his practice he is highly esteemed for his abilities, knowledge and skill. In non-professional fields he is prominent as mayor of the city, as a popular member of fraternal orders, and as the first president of the Lions Club, with the growth of which he is especially identified.

Born in Accomac, Virginia, on January 18, 1891, he is the son of Horace Parker and Armenia (Par-



ker) Nock. His mother was also born in Accomac on October 1, 1864, and died August 1, 1926. Horace Parker Nock, merchant and manufacturer, was born at Accomac, October 10, 1857, and died February 23, 1920. After attending the grade schools of his birthplace, and being graduated from the Accomac High School, class of 1910, James Thomas Nock matriculated at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, from which he was graduated with the degree Doctor of Dental Surgery, class of 1913. That same year he opened offices in Pocomoke City where he has built up a large practice and serves a wide clientele. He is a charter member of the Eastern Shore Dental Society.

Public-spirited, Dr. Nock has been a member of the Pocomoke City Council for six years, and mayor of the municipality for three years, and is the sponsor and supporter of numerous progressive measures and projects. Dr. Nock is a past member of the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was a past noble grand, and as indicated he was the first president of the Lions Club. A communicant of the First Baptist Church, of Pocomoke City, he has served this congregation for twenty-two years as teacher of the men's Bible class.

On June 17, 1918, at Pocomoke, Dr. James Thomas Nock married Maud DeWaal White, born at Girdle-tree, Maryland, daughter of Alfred Thomas and Emily (Kelly) White. Her mother, born at Dames Quarter, Maryland, May 3, 1855, died October 27, 1933. Alfred Thomas White, born at Parksley, Virginia, December 21, 1855, died June 20, 1933. Dr. and Mrs. Nock are the parents of a daughter, Virginia (Nock) Hague, who was born April 20, 1920.

**JOHN TEAGLE SMULLIN, JR.**—The appointment of John Teagle Smullin, Jr., as postmaster of Pocomoke City, was an honor generally approved, and a recognition of the capable service during his previous activities in the office and his years of experience in business, and as a progressive citizen of the community.

John Teagle Smullin, Jr., was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 7, 1890, son of John Teagle and Elizabeth (Reed) Smullin, his mother born in Philadelphia, November 15, 1856, and died in September, 1939. His father was born in Pocomoke City, February 16, 1854, and died in January, 1926. The elder man was a well-known merchant of Pocomoke City, a staunch Democrat, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the friend of many people. John Teagle Smullin, Jr., attended the public schools of his birthplace, and was graduated in 1908 from the Central Manual Training School, Philadelphia. He also pursued courses provided by the Alexander Hamilton Institute. His first employment of note was with the W. S. Dickinson and Son, department store, where he remained from 1908 to 1915. In the latter years he established his own business, specializing in wall paper. His next move was to purchase an interest in J. T. Smullin and Son, interior decorators, and dealers in furniture and floor coverings. This association was ended in 1940, after sixteen years association, when he became chief clerk to the Draft Board of Worcester County, at Snow Hill, Maryland. On October 1, 1945, he was appointed acting postmaster in the Pocomoke City office. As indicated he became postmaster in July, 1947, and since has proven himself a most satisfactory in-

cumbent. He belongs to the National Association of Postmasters, is a member of the Pocomoke Lions Club, and fraternally, is affiliated with the Masonic Order, member of the various bodies of Masonry, including the Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

At Pocomoke City, Maryland, April 8, 1914, John Teagle Smullin, Jr., married Louise Seville, born in this city, daughter of George L. and Sally (Stevenson) Seville. Her father is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, her mother of Pocomoke City. Mr. and Mrs. Smullin, Jr., are the parents of two children: 1. Sarah Elizabeth, born at Pocomoke City, July 1, 1919, who married here, December 2, 1945, Jim R. Ritter, and is the mother of a daughter, Pamela Louise, born at Pinckneyville, Illinois, October 1, 1947. 2. John Teagle Smullin, 3rd, born in Pocomoke City, Maryland, May 26, 1926; now employed by Southern Farms at Pocomoke City, Maryland. Enlisting, in 1943, in the United States Army Air Corps as a pilot, he was an instructor at Lincoln Field, Lincoln, Nebraska, and served until the war was over.

**GEORGE S. MATTHEWS**, agent for Pure Oil Products in Pocomoke City, was born in Assawoman, in Accomac County, Virginia, on October 31, 1898, the son of Lloyd and Etta S. (Nock) Matthews, both natives of Accomac County. Lloyd Matthews, who was born April 28, 1875, and died November 20, 1944, was a farmer and by political affiliation a Democrat. Etta S. (Nock) Matthews was born September 3, 1878.

George S. Matthews went to school in Temperanceville, Virginia, where he attended both elementary school and high school. He spent ten years in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad and for six years farmed in association with his father, before moving to Maryland, near Pocomoke City, in 1920. In 1923 he made his first contact with the oil business by entering the employ of the Hearn Oil Company. He spent three years with this concern. In 1926 he accepted a position with the Sun Oil Company and worked for this concern for the next fourteen years. Then in 1940 he became the agent for the Allen Petroleum Company, which later became Pure Oil Products. Mr. Matthews employs two persons and keeps two delivery trucks busy, as agent for Pure Oil Products. He is a member of the Lions Club and the Winter Quarters Country Club and is Past Master of Crescent Lodge, Number 178, Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. Matthews married, in Virginia, Ruth Thomas, who was born near Keller, Virginia, the daughter of Fred and Gertrude (Doughty) Thomas, both natives of Accomac County, Virginia.

**JOHN W. NOBLE**—Owning and managing a prosperous automotive agency in Easton, John W. Noble plays a prominent part in the business life of that community, but finds time also to operate his own farm and to busy himself in many phases of Easton's affairs.

Mr. Noble was born in Caroline County on July 23, 1896, son of Dr. J. L. Noble and Mamie E. (Travers) Noble. After completing his course in the public schools, he attended St. John's College, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1917. During World War I he saw service in the United States





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Army, holding the rank of major in the 6th Cavalry. His period of service totaled two years.

On resuming civilian life, Mr. Noble studied at Harvard Law School for one year, then decided that he preferred the automobile business to pursuing the legal profession, and came to Preston where he set up his own agency, selling Ford cars. In 1929 he took over the Ford agency in Easton and has operated it to date. He has an annual turnover of approximately two hundred and fifty new cars. His territory comprises Talbot and Queen Annes counties, and his firm employs the services of one hundred persons. In conjunction with his trade in automobiles, he also sells Ford tractors, for which there is a steady market in this rich agricultural area. Servicing automobiles and the rebuilding of motors are also included in the company's activities.

Mr. Noble's farm comprises fifty-five acres, devoted chiefly to raising stock. This farm bears the name of "Avondale" and the homestead was built in 1796.

A member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Noble is affiliated with Preston Lodge Number 206, Easton Chapter, as well as with Boumi Temple of the Shrine and the Order of Jesters. He belongs to the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, the Mile River Yacht Club, and the Tred Avon Yacht Club, as well as the Talbot Country Club. He is a member of the Easton Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Rotary Club of Easton, and past commander of the American Legion of Preston. A Methodist in religious faith, he belongs to the church of that denomination in Preston, and serves as trustee and steward. As a hobby, Mr. Noble is an amateur photographer.

John W. Noble was married, on June 16, 1928, to Vanverta Klinefelter of Baltimore, daughter of Overton E. Klinefelter. Their four children are: 1. John W., Jr., born February 8, 1930. 2. Marilyn B., born May 18, 1932. 3. William K., born February 6, 1935. 4. Inez Hooper, born December 14, 1942.

**WINTER EDWIN CROUCH**—Prominent in the real estate and insurance business on the Eastern Shore, W. Edwin Crouch of Easton is also known for the two farms he operates. He served the nation in World War I, is active in veterans' affairs at Easton and in Baltimore, and is one of the leaders in civic work in Easton.

Mr. Crouch was born in Baltimore on April 23, 1893, the son of Albert H. and Louisa Amelia (Winter) Crouch. His father, a native of Kent County, was for many years until his death associated with the firm of Gill and Fisher, grain brokers in Baltimore. The mother was eighty-three years old at the time of her death. Like her son, she was a native of Baltimore.

W. Edwin Crouch was educated at The Tome School. He began his career as a clerk with the Maryland Casualty Insurance Company in Baltimore. For a time, subsequently, he was with the White Motor Company and, later, with the Robert Garrette Company, banking firm. He was with the last-named, in Baltimore, as a salesman until 1916, when he entered the investment business for himself. When the United States was obliged to declare war on Germany in 1917, he offered his services and was accepted as a member of the 314th Aero Squadron, with which he served in England, rising from cadet to first lieutenant.

After his return to civilian status in Baltimore, he resumed his activities as an investment broker and continued, successfully, until 1930. During this period he became president of the Mercantile Credit Company

of Baltimore. From 1930 to 1933 Mr. Crouch lived on his farm in Queen Annes County, near Chestertown, and until 1939 he developed his other farming interests as well as following other activities. In 1939 Mr. Crouch opened a real estate and insurance business in Baltimore and in 1941 established an office in Easton as a representative of the Maryland-Virginia Farm Agency, Inc., of which he has been president since 1943.

Mr. Crouch is a member of the Easton Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Talbot Country Club, the Cambridge Yacht Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Baltimore, the American Legion at Easton and the Easton Business Men's Association. Active in the Rotary Club of Easton, he was that organization's secretary. Politically, Mr. Crouch is an independent Democrat and his religious faith is the Episcopalian. He is a member of Christ Episcopal Church of Easton. Yachting is his hobby and at one time he carried on some of his yachting activities from a beautiful home on the Chester River, which has since been sold. For many years he was a member of the Maryland Yacht Club of Baltimore.

Winter Edwin Crouch married Jessie Shaw of Westminster. Mrs. Crouch died some years after the marriage. They became the parents of two sons: 1. Charles T., a graduate of the University of Maryland, Bachelor of Arts degree, class of 1946. He married Josephine Miller. 2. Winter Edwin, Jr., who during World War II served in the 8th Air Force, United States Army, holding successively the ranks of sergeant and staff sergeant. He is a graduate of Washington College, where he was a member of the class of 1948.

**JOHN EARL MORRIS**, owner and operator of the Auditorium Theater and the Arcade Theater, both of Princess Anne, has also been the postmaster of Princess Anne since the year 1933.

He was born in Princess Anne on November 8, 1891, the son of John W. and Clara E. (Colonna) Morris. His father, who was a native of Princess Anne, was born on April 5, 1858, died November 2, 1927; he was a clothing and shoe merchant in his native town, and in politics was a Democrat. Clara E. (Colonna) Morris was born in Eastville, Virginia in May, 1860, died August 15, 1915, at Princess Anne, Maryland.

John Earl Morris attended the Princess Anne elementary schools and Princess Anne High School. Later he took a course at Beacom Business College, graduating in April, 1913. His first post was as shipping clerk for the Jackson & Gutman shirt factory in Salisbury, Maryland. Then, from 1915 to 1922 he was associated with his father in the men's clothing business under the name of John W. Morris & Sons. On May 3, 1922 he purchased the Auditorium property at Princess Anne and started in the motion picture business on this property, and he has continued to operate it up to the present time. In 1928 he purchased the Arcade Theater also, and he has operated this second theater for twenty years. Mr. Morris himself personally supervises the running of both theaters. In addition, however, he has served as postmaster of Princess Anne since his appointment on November 15, 1933, shortly after the beginning of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's first term as President. Mr. Morris is a member of the Rotary Club, the Business Men's Association of Princess Anne, and belongs to the National Association of Postmasters. He was



manager of the Princess Anne Baseball Team, 1922. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Episcopal Church.

He married in Berlin on May 12, 1915, Alice Cropper, a native of Newark, in Worcester County, and the daughter of Samuel P. and Sally (Gault) Cropper, both natives of Worcester County. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have one son, John W., born in Princess Anne, September 10, 1922. He graduated at the United States Military Academy at West Point in June, 1943, and served thirty months in the northwest Pacific, with the United States Army Engineers. He is now a captain in the United States Army, stationed at Iowa City, Iowa, where he is taking a special course in engineering at the University of Iowa.

**HERBERT H. DAIL**—Summer House Farm, near Cambridge, Dorchester County, is one of those long-established and excellent examples of agriculture as practiced in the southern Eastern Shore country. It is the home place of Herbert H. Dail, and has been also that of his father and grandfather before him. Its acres have been skillfully cultivated for nearly a century and long has been rated one of the best farms in Dorchester County.

The present owner, Herbert H. Dail, was born on March 7, 1886, in the original home on Summer House Farm, and has lived here practically all of his life. He is the son of James Wilson Dail, lifetime farmer, county commissioner, and community leader, and his wife, Annie (Robinson) Dail. The younger man, after completing his education in the schools of Cambridge, initiated his first business endeavors when he became a clerk for the wholesale drygoods and notions firm of R. M. Sutton and Company in Baltimore. After three years he returned to Cambridge to become the partner of Tom Jones in the firm of T. E. Jones and Company, packers and shippers of oysters. In 1916 he purchased the Riverside Stock Farm, south of the town, which he operated in connection with the oyster business. He sold out the latter in 1944 after acquiring the Summer House Farm from his father, to the management of which he has been devoted for more than a quarter of a century.

To the old family place, Herbert H. Dail brought a varied experience and no small knowledge of agriculture combined with good judgment and ideas that he had accumulated during previous years. He practices a form of diversified farming, with emphasis placed upon truck gardening, planting corn, wheat and general feed crops, together with vegetables including acres of the leafy kinds—kale, spinach and the like—tomatoes and anything that promises to be right for the prospective markets of the seasons. He keeps a large flock of chickens, fattens cattle and has a four hundred and twenty-five acre stand of pine timber that he cuts mainly for firewood along conservation lines by which the timber is not depleted.

The home in which Mr. and Mrs. Dail dwell was built by Dr. John Murray in 1775. The main barn on the place is about one hundred and fifty years old and is still in excellent condition. The rehabilitation of the house has been a hobby and labor of affection by Mr. Dail. It is thoroughly modernized without any loss of original lines and charm.

As has been indicated, the Dail farm is generally recognized as one of the best in Dorchester County, and its owner is frequently consulted by agriculturalists from many parts. He is a member of the Farm Bureau; is one of the first directors and stockholders

and still serving on the board of the Herbert Hearn Hardware Company, in Cambridge. Formerly he figured prominently in the Cambridge Rotary Club, and is currently a member of the Yacht Club, and the Country Club. He attends Christ Episcopal Church, where Mrs. Dail sings in the choir, and is active in religious and charitable works.

On March 1, 1946, Herbert H. Dail married Hazel (Phillips) Pratt, daughter of George T. and Susie (Keene) Phillips, her father a former president of the D. E. Foote Company, in Baltimore. Two uncles of Mrs. Dail are Colonel Albanus (q.v.) and Captain Levi B. Phillips (q.v.).

The Dails were originally natives of England, the American forbears having immigrated to the United States in early Colonial days, and located in Maryland.

**GEORGE S. MATTHEWS, JR.**—Founding and conducting a successful automobile agency in Pocomoke City is not a surprising turn of events in the life of George S. Matthews. Education and varied experience together have qualified him to handle a growing business enterprise.

The parents of Mr. Matthews were Virginians, the father, George S., being born in Accomac County in 1868, and the mother, Mazie A. (Wessells) Matthews, being a native of Parksley. Their son, George S., was born at Hopeton in that state, September 10, 1905, and was educated in the schools of Hopeton and Parksley, completing his secondary education in 1924. He then attended Goldey Business College in Wilmington, Delaware. Thus prepared, he occupied from 1929 to 1931 the position of assistant cashier in the People's Bank at Bloxon, Virginia. The next four years were spent in farming his father's farm in Accomac County, but in 1935 he went with Duncan Brothers, of Pocomoke City, automotive dealers. With that firm he held the position of bookkeeper, and thus gained the groundwork necessary in the founding of his own Ford agency seven years later. His present establishment stocks the complete Ford line of cars, trucks and accessories, and offers in addition complete service, repairs, filling station, and a fleet of service trucks. Twenty-four persons are employed by this concern.

In addition to his business, organizational activities occupy Mr. Matthews' attention. His election to the presidency of the Pocomoke Business Men's Association is evidence of the high regard in which he is held by business associates of his town. He is also a member of Wishart's Point Boat Club and of the Lions Club, and as a Mason has attained the Thirty-second degree.

Mr. Matthews was married at Parksley, Virginia, September 26, 1916, to Beatrice Kathleen Hall, a native of that place. Her parents were Revell C. and Lena J. (East) Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews are the parents of a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, who was born in Accomac County, September 25, 1929, and now attends Linden Hall in Lititz, Pennsylvania.

**MARVIN HOWARD TAWES**—Engaged for many years in the poultry business in Crisfield, Maryland, Marvin Howard Tawes is head of Tawes Poultry Company and part owner in the Somerset Poultry Company. His long association with this community has led him to be interested in a wide range of social and civic affairs here, and he is respected and honored throughout this region of Maryland.





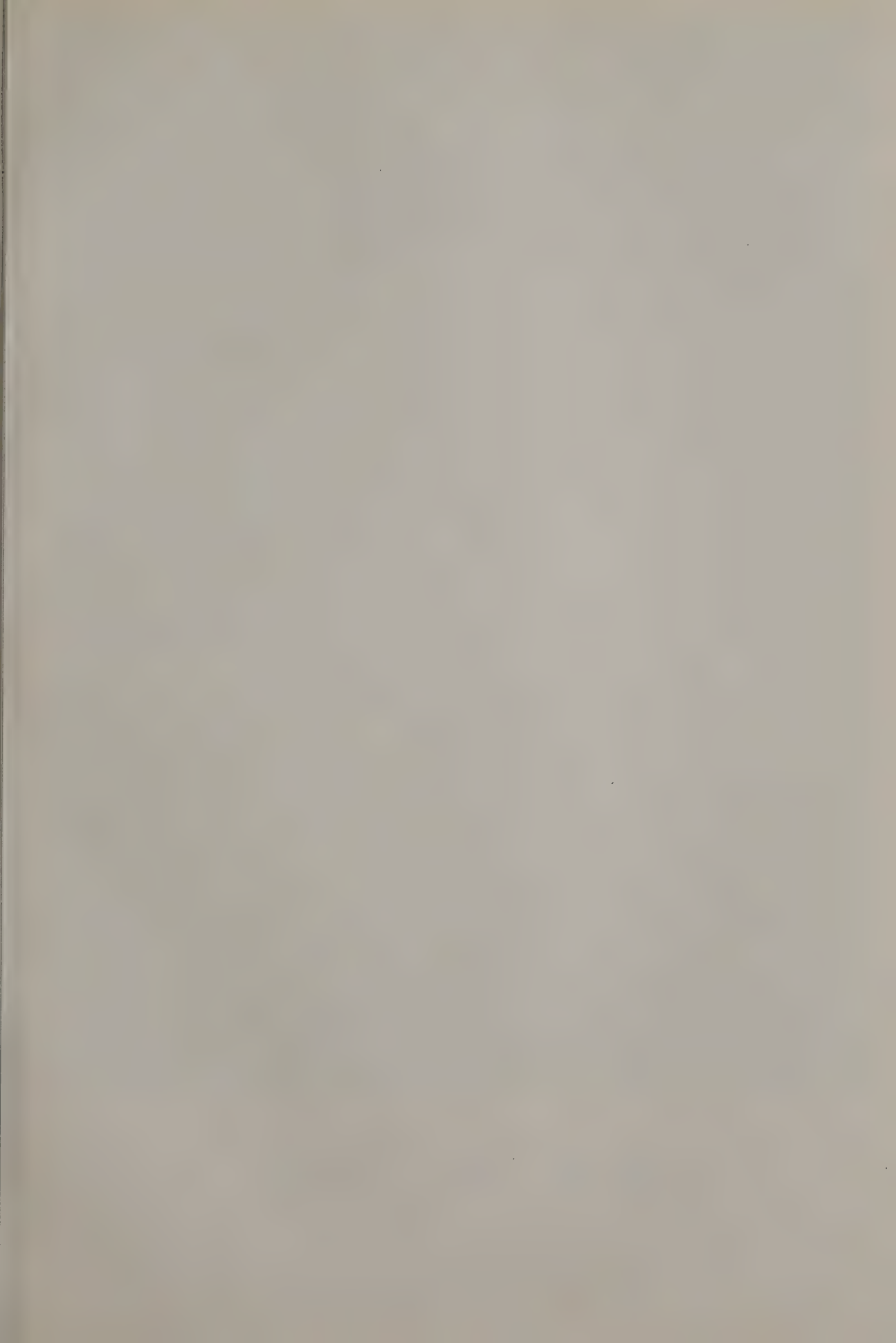
JAMES W. AND ANNIE (ROBINSON) DAIL





HOME OF HERBERT H. DAIL









*Herbert H. Dail*



*Hazel Phillips Dail*





Mr. Tawes was born on May 9, 1904, in Crisfield, Maryland, son of James B. and Alice Virginia (Byrd) Tawes, both natives of the Crisfield district. His father was engaged in the lumber business.

Marvin Howard Tawes attended the local public schools and was graduated from high school here in 1922. Afterward he spent a year at St. John's College, followed by three years at Dickinson College, from which he was graduated, in 1926, as a Bachelor of Philosophy. In that year he became associated with the Tawes Baking Company in Crisfield, continuing until 1945 as its general manager and vice president.

Meanwhile he became interested in the poultry business in Crisfield, building up this enterprise until he was raising as many as thirty thousand broilers per year. He still carries on this work, operating this business under the name of Tawes Poultry Company. His part ownership in the Somerset Poultry Company signifies a further extension of his interest along these lines, and his poultry interests establish him as one of the business leaders of the Eastern Shore.

Mr. Tawes' community activities include justice of the peace and trial magistrate. During World War II he was a member of the Maryland State Guard. His political affiliation is with the Democratic party. Active also in social and fraternal life, Mr. Tawes is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a past master of Chesapeake Lodge, Number 147, and holds the Thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is also an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member also of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, which he joined in his student days. He is also a member of the Crisfield Country Club and the Rotary Club of which he was president, 1936-1937. He is a trustee of Immanuel Methodist Church, of this place.

Marvin Howard Tawes married June 30, 1928, in Crisfield, Maryland, Helen Richardson, born in Crisfield, daughter of Herbert L. and Helen (Porter) Richardson. Her father was born in Crisfield and is now deceased. Her mother is a native of Princess Anne, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Tawes became the parents of two children: 1. Marvin Howard, born March 23, 1933, in Crisfield. 2. James Porter, born February 2, 1939.

**EDWARD GILLIS NEWTON**—One of the most highly regarded merchants of Princess Anne was the late Edward Gillis Newton, who opened up a men's and women's furnishings store there in 1905, and continued in business until his death in 1939. Newton's Department store is now operated by his widow and their son, Edward Gillis Newton, Jr.

Edward Gillis Newton, Sr., was born in Seaford, Delaware, June 3, 1882, the son of Major and Margaret (Allen) Newton, both natives of Seaford, the father a farmer and a lifelong Democrat.

After attending the elementary schools of Seaford and Seaford High School, Edward Gillis Newton, Sr., worked for a time for I. S. Giles at Seaford, and then came to Princess Anne and for seven years was employed in the general store of S. C. Long & Son. Then, in 1905, he started in the clothing business for himself, opening a store for men's and women's furnishings which he operated for thirty-four years. The store also handled general merchandise, and in addition, Mr. Newton was the agent for Chrysler and Plymouth motor cars in Princess Anne. He had an ability to make friends which proved to be a business

asset as well as enriching his life in other ways. In politics, Mr. Newton was a Democrat, and he was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Princess Anne Business Men's Association, to which his son now belongs.

Edward Gillis Newton, Sr., married at Laurel, December 19, 1906, Hattie E. Cannon, a native of Seaford, Delaware, and the daughter of Caleb and Missouri (Taylor) Cannon, both natives of Seaford. Her father, a Democrat politically, was postmaster of Seaford, and was a merchant there. Mr. and Mrs. Newton were the parents of one son, Edward Gillis Newton, Jr., born November 11, 1921. Since the death of his father, which occurred on September 18, 1939, Edward Gillis Newton, Jr., and his mother, Hattie (Cannon) Newton, have continued the family business along the lines which had been laid down at the time it was started and followed through the years.

**ELMER THEODORE ORME**—Operating a successful fertilizer business in the town of Denton, under the firm name of E. T. Orme and Son, Elmer Theodore Orme hit upon the final and most successful of a series of business enterprises in which he had been engaged for a number of years. As clerk, farmer, store proprietor and auto dealer, he has led a career not lacking in variety and rich in service to his community.

Mr. Orme was born at Baden, Prince Georges County, November 4, 1876, son of Lemuel Landstreet and Mary (Scribner) Orme. His father, a native of Prince Georges County, was a farmer, merchant, and a judge in the orphans' court. Having attained a rather exceptional legal training through private study, he was looked to by the people of his community to serve in other public capacities, including that of deputy sheriff. His wife, the former Mary Scribner, was a native of Anne Arundel County.

Elmer Theodore Orme remained on the farm with his parents until the time of his father's death, attending the public schools. At the age of twenty-two, he began clerking for Mr. Baden and remained seven years, after which he went to Baltimore and became a shipping clerk in the state tobacco warehouse under Governor Warfield, remaining there for one year. Then locating in Anne Arundel County, he opened a store, which he operated for four years. Thereafter, for a period of seven years, he operated another store in Andersontown.

At this juncture, Mr. Orme decided to engage in farming, and bought a farm which he operated for some time. He then utilized his merchandising experience in a venture in automotive retailing, as an associate with Dr. Fisher. At the same time he started the present fertilizer business. It proved for him the more prosperous venture of the two, and he concentrated his efforts in the fertilizer company. It is the type of business which fills a widespread need on the agricultural Eastern Shore, and it has succeeded well, due in large measure to Mr. Orme's experience, and his capabilities in business management. Originally known as E. T. Orme, its name has been changed to E. T. Orme and Son, for in 1946 his son joined him in its management.

Mr. Orme is a Democrat in politics. He served for several years on the state central committee of the party, and has likewise served the county of Caroline for four years as county commissioner. He was a member of the Improved Order of Red Men while they were active in Denton, and until the time of his recent retirement was also a member of

the Rotary. His church is the Methodist, and he serves that religious body as a trustee.

In September, 1905, Elmer Theodore Orme married Myra Stephens of Denton, daughter of Lacy and Almyra (Williamson) Stephens. To this union were born eight children: 1. Elmer Theodore, Jr. 2. William S. 3. Frances, married to Crawford Shockley. 4. Russum. 5. Mary. 6. Roslyn. 7. George Landstreet. 8. Sarah.

**JOSEPH M. EATON**, manager of the Charles Jarrell farms and canning plants, has been in his present connection continuously since 1925. He operates twenty farms, as well as managing a retail hardware business; is associated with several banks, and is active in a variety of organizations.

Mr. Eaton is a son of George Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Brown) Eaton, both natives of Queen Annes County, and he was born in that county, July 13, 1905. His father was a contractor and builder. Joseph M. attended the public schools and graduated from Tri-County High School, after which he went to work as a clerk, for the Baltimore and Eastern Railroad Company. After two years in this connection he started farming with Charles Jarrell. In time, assuming increasing responsibility, he became manager not only of the Jarrell farms, but likewise of the canning plants to which their produce is directed. He has filled these positions from 1925 to the present time. The number of farms under Mr. Eaton's management has varied with the times, and has been as high as thirty-five. He now manages twenty farms, which raise chiefly wheat, corn and tomatoes. Each farm also has its dairy herd, consisting of Holsteins and Guernseys, their total number being about two hundred and fifty head of cattle. He is active in banking circles also, being a director of the Liberty Bank of Easton, and a director of the Denton National Bank.

Mr. Eaton is a member of the National Canners Association, the Tri-State Packers Association, the Caroline County and Queen Annes County Farm Bureaus, and is active in the American Red Cross. During World War II he was on the advisory committee for selective service, and organized Caroline County under the Civilian Defense Program. He was also local chairman of all war loan drives. In addition to the great responsibility of farm and plant management, Mr. Eaton is proprietor of still another business, a retail hardware business located in Hillsboro.

Nor does Mr. Eaton neglect the fraternal and club life of his community. He is a member of the Easton Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Talbot Country Club; and the Belmont Country Club. As one might guess from these memberships, his hobby is golf, and he also takes a great interest in horses. He is an independent Democrat in his political views, and is a member of the Methodist Church, which he serves as a trustee.

Joseph M. Eaton was married, on September 18, 1925, to Kathryn Elizabeth Jarrell, daughter of Charles and Nannie E. (Duffey) Jarrell. Her father, a native of Caroline County, is deceased, although her mother is still living. Mr. Jarrell was one of the largest land owners in Caroline County, and owned and operated a retail hardware and grocery store in Hillsboro. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton have two daughters: 1. Charlanne, born April 9, 1926, a graduate of the local schools, of Lydon Hall, and of Sarah Lawrence College. She is married to Norman W. Harrington,

and they have one daughter, Stacey Adams Harrington. 2. Ellinor O'Neal, born August 3, 1927, attended Tri-County High School and spent two years at Lydon Hall. She is a graduate of Ugantz Junior College.

**HARRY LAY PHILLIPS**—Successfully conducting an extensive construction business which makes his name known in the states of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia, Harry Lay Phillips is a prominent citizen of Salisbury, engaged actively in its affairs. He likewise is occupied in farming. His business interests are conducted under the firm name of H. Lay Phillips & Company.

The son of Isaac Thomas and Helen (Howard) Phillips, Mr. Phillips was born near Quantico, Maryland, on January 25, 1893. His father was a farmer and lumberman, and as a young man, H. Lay Phillips maintained an interest in this pursuit. He attended school in Quantico, Maryland and Goldey Business College, Wilmington, Delaware. After completion of his education, he and his brother, Pratt D. Phillips, entered into the canning, lumber and farming business. This joint undertaking was begun at Greenhill, near Quantico, in 1910, trading as Phillips Brothers, and in the year of 1921 they became engaged in the road construction business.

In 1945 he continued in business as H. Lay Phillips & Company and is now engaged in farming, real estate and road construction.

Mr. Phillips is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Salisbury Lodge No. 817, the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, the Maryland Highway Contractors' Association and the Maryland Historical Society. He has always been an ardent horseman and at one time owned one of the outstanding stables on the Eastern Shore and has many ribbons and trophies won over a period of years. He and his family attend St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Salisbury.

At Salisbury on December 9, 1919, Harry Lay Phillips married Lydia Grier, daughter of Robert D. and Lydia (Hall) Grier. They are the parents of two children: 1. Helen G., born at Salisbury April 1, 1922. 2. H. Lay, Jr., born at Salisbury August 5, 1928.

**THELBERT H. RAMSAY**—The production of meat poultry is a modern development of this business in the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula that has grown rapidly to immense proportions especially since the advent of quick-freezing methods of preparation for marketing. Because of its advantageous location, Pocomoke City was selected as the site of a plant for the processing and quick-freezing of poultry, that is reputed to be the most modern establishment of its kind in the world. With this great enterprise Thelbert H. Ramsay has been identified in executive capacities since 1945, the year he came to the New York headquarters of the General Foods Corporation as manager of its Poultry Division. He is rated one of the foremost poultry experts in the United States, is a noteworthy inventor, or improver of poultry-handling methods, and a skilled organizer and executive.

Thelbert H. Ramsay was born at Seward, Nebraska, on December 22, 1896, son of Shelby and Jennie (Hickman) Ramsay, his mother being a native of Seward. The father came originally from Illinois, and is a farmer in the Seward area of Nebraska. A progressive and public-spirited citizen, he co-operates in civic affairs, is a Democrat in politics, and a Mason.

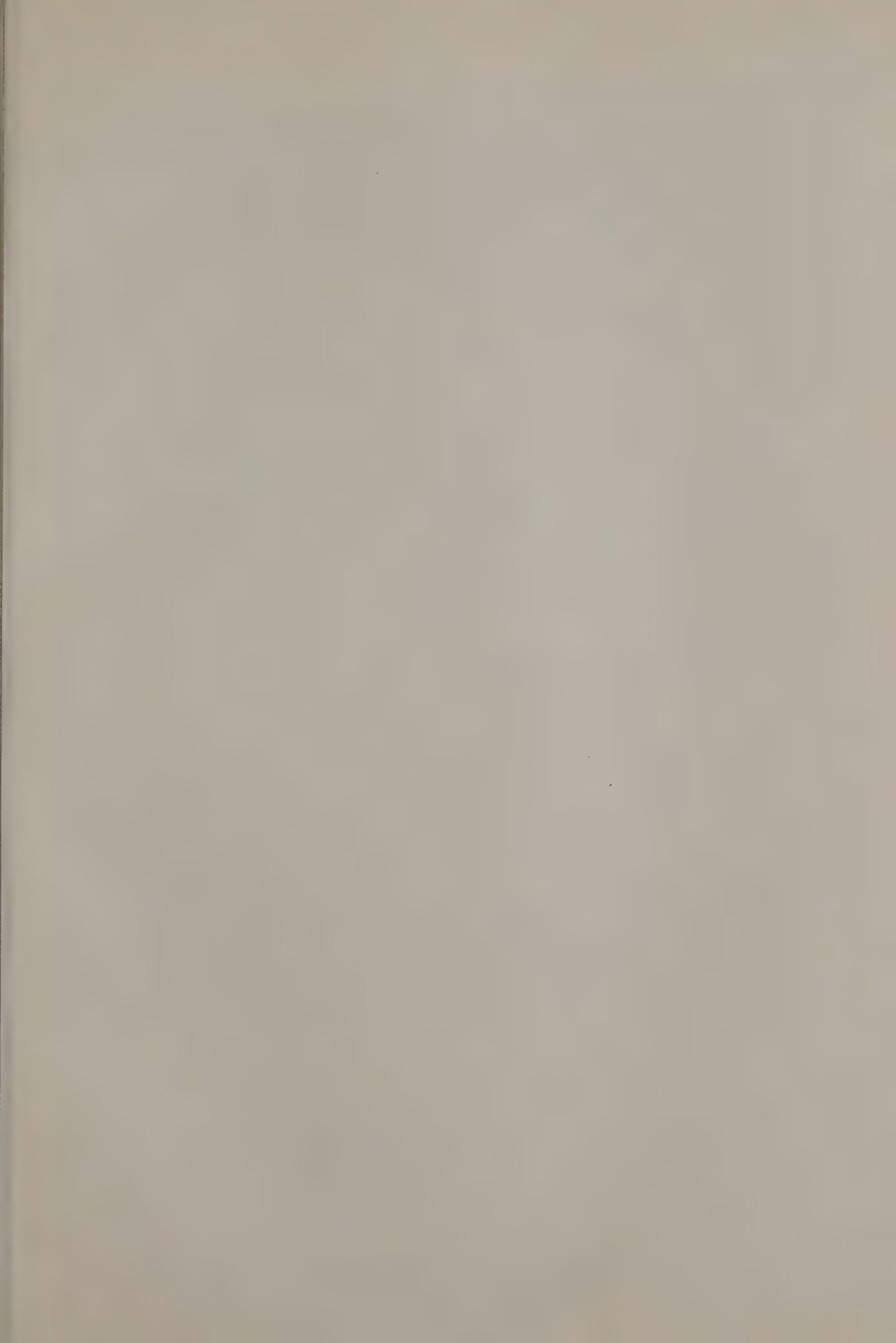




A. Ray Phillips









*Stanis W. Spring*



Thelbert H. Ramsay was educated in the grammar schools of his birthplace, the Seward High School and the University of Nebraska. He farmed in Nebraska until 1926, when he joined the State Department of Agriculture associated with the inspection division. Two years later he entered the poultry and egg business, and in 1936 was manager of the Jerpe Commission Company, Seward, Nebraska, where BirdsEye-Snider chickens were quick-frozen and packed under his supervision. It is worthy of more than passing note that BirdsEye's start in the quick-freezing and packing of poultry dates from 1928, so that Mr. Ramsay is really a pioneer in this phase of the industry.

In 1938 he joined BirdsEye-Snider as Field Supervisor of Poultry, and in 1944 was promoted to Poultry Production Manager of this company, then and now a division of the General Foods Corporation. In 1945 he was called into the New York office of the company and with this promotion came the added responsibilities of the direction of the big plant in Pocomoke City, a part of Southern Farms Division of BirdsEye-Snider, which in turn is a division of General Foods.

As already indicated, the meat-poultry business looms large in the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula, and while Pocomoke City is a relatively small community, the BirdsEye-Snider processing plant is equipped to handle twenty-five thousand chickens a day. Some five hundred and fifty people are employed. Every practical mechanical device has been installed and the line scheme, used by packers of beef and other large animals, has been adapted to the handling of chickens. The whole processing details from live poultry to the packaged BirdsEye-Snider quick-frozen eviscerated chickens, have to be seen to be appreciated or even understood slightly. Says an authority: "Mr. Ramsay has contributed a number of labor-saving ideas to the poultry industry, the most important of which is a complete new system of 'on the line' evisceration." In personal interest, Mr. Ramsay is a member of the Rotary Club, and the Masonic order, and is a Republican in politics. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Ramsay is married and the father of five children: 1. Thelbert H., Jr. 2. Janet. 3. Theo Ruth. 4. Don Campbell. 5. Richard Crouse. Mrs. Ramsay was formerly Martha Crouse, also a native of Seward, Nebraska.

**HENRY PILCHARD WALTERS**—One of the members of the younger professional coterie of Pocomoke City, Henry Pilchard Walters is prominent and popular as a lawyer and public-spirited citizen. He brought to the practice of his profession broad formal and technical education, and came rapidly to the fore in his activities in the city and county.

He was born in Pocomoke City, on September 28, 1914, son of H. Merrill and Jennie (Pilchard) Walters, both also natives of Pocomoke City. The elder man long engaged in an insurance business, is a Rotarian, civic leader, a former postmaster and town clerk. The son prepared for higher education in the grade and high schools, and matriculated at Randolph-Macon College, class of 1932. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington and Lee University in 1936, and the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1938.

Mr. Walters was admitted to the Maryland bar in October, 1938, to the Virginia bar in December, 1939, and to practice in the Federal Court on February 25, 1939. Since 1938 he has engaged in a general practice with offices at Pocomoke City. He is a member of the American Bar Association, and the Worcester County Bar Association, and his fraternities are

Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Delta Phi. His clubs include the Winter Quarters Country and the Nandua Harbor. He attends the Baptist Church.

At Pocomoke City, on October 20, 1938, Henry Pilchard Walters married Alice Evans, born in this city, daughter of George H. and Lillie (Burton) Evans. Her mother was born in Accomac County, and her father, who is deceased, was a native of Somerset County.

**JOHN COYNE STERLING**—Engaged in banking in Crisfield for many years, John Coyne Sterling has held a number of offices in the Bank of Crisfield, now being vice president and cashier.

Mr. Sterling was born August 18, 1884, son of George F. and Alvaline V. (Lawson) Sterling, both natives of Crisfield. The father, born here, in 1847, died in 1933, was a merchant for many years in the Crisfield vicinity. A Republican in his political views, he served at one time as postmaster of the community.

John Coyne Sterling attended Crisfield schools through the high school grades, and was graduated from Goldey Business School, Wilmington, Delaware, in 1901. From an early period he was interested in banking, and in 1905, became associated with the Bank of Crisfield as a clerk. Afterward he became assistant cashier, then cashier, and in 1935, was elected vice president of the bank. His services as vice president and cashier, both of which offices he holds down to the time of writing, have been distinctive and of value to the people and institutions of Crisfield. His record of more than forty years with this one financial institution has naturally given him a position of prominence in the community, and brought him into association with some of the leading organizations of his profession.

He is a member of the American Bankers Association, and the Maryland State Bankers Association. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as well as to Asbury Methodist Church, of which he was for many years treasurer.

On January 17, 1906, in Crisfield, Maryland, J. Coyne Sterling married Nellie Lawson, born in Crisfield, daughter of William T. and Catherine (Henderson) Lawson, both natives of Crisfield.

**FRANCIS W. BREUIL** came to Dorchester County after an eventful life, which took him to all parts of the world. He had, in his youth, traveled around the world as ship's cabin boy, had prospected for gold in California and Mexico, had built the engine for the first submarine in the United States Navy, and served during the Spanish-American War as an army scout. Finally settling on one of the old Eastern Shore estates, "Rehoboth," which he rebuilt to its present beautiful proportions, he indulged to the full his lifelong hobby of gun-collecting. His collection, already probably the most complete individual assemblage of firearms in the United States, has been cared for and augmented, since Mr. Breuil's death, by Mrs. Breuil, who has taken a corresponding interest in its development.

Son of James F. and Alicia Josephine (Riera) Breuil, Francis W. Breuil was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1870. He was educated in private schools in Fox Chase, Pennsylvania, and at the Episcopal Academy. At the age of seventeen, he left this academy, which is in Philadelphia, to ship as a cabin boy on a vessel which took him around the world. During the ensuing years he successfully

prospected for gold in Mexico and in California, and at one time owned a producing mine located at Sinaloa, Mexico. Such adventurous occupations were balanced by a genuine ability and interest in mechanical fields, and Mr. Breuil claimed to have constructed the engine for the first submarine used by the United States Navy. This mechanical bent is readily manifested, too, in the gun collection which brought him fame.

It was in 1918 that Mr. Breuil came to settle on Marshy Hope Creek, near the town of Eldorado. His estate, "Rehoboth," had been built in 1725 on a site which years before that had been granted by Charles II to Captain John Lee. This home Mr. Breuil rebuilt into one of the most beautiful sites on the Eastern Shore, yet, although quite as modern in its appointments as one could wish, losing none of its charm as a Colonial mansion, but rather having that charm enhanced by its owner's impeccable taste and his appreciation of its historic traditions. In time every room of this spacious dwelling came to take on something of the character of the owner; and every room save one—the dining room—bears artistic evidence of his beloved hobby.

Displays in each room show in symmetrical arrangement the firearms of all periods and all lands: muskets and flintlocks and fusils, sidearms as well as shoulder weapons, complete arrays of revolvers and their earlier ancestors, horse pistols and boarding pistols, interspersed with such equipment as powder horns, and rapiers and sabres to give balance to each assortment. Among the complete collections are one of every American and United States Army musket used by the army from the Revolution through the Civil War; a group of American revolvers dating from the Mexican War through the time of the Indian Wars; and horse pistols and boarding pistols covering the entire first half of the nineteenth century. Of the foreign makes of firearms, there are English flintlocks and fowling pieces, Corsican flintlocks, early German wheel-lock carbines of marvellously intricate workmanship, and Oriental weapons such as Japanese jungals. It is not to be thought that the heavier type of weapon has been excluded from this collection. In the pleasant yard of the home is a row of six cannon, all mounted and in perfect condition. These too, from ancient Spanish paterero to modern gatling gun, can roll back two centuries of history.

Still more remarkable, the weapons were kept in first-class shape by their owner, meaning that they were in condition to be used. Indeed, they often have been used, harmlessly enough, about the extensive premises, in target-practice bouts, and in such occasional fusillades as were occasioned by the visit of a fellow-collector, or the celebration of the Fourth of July. No small measure of Mr. Breuil's enjoyment was centered in their utility. Said he once, to an interviewer from the "Baltimore Sun": "I don't want junk. I get no pleasure from a lot of rusty, crusty, dirty weapons hanging around. I like to have them in the same condition they were when they were in use. I love to test their quality and ferret out their secrets of design and usefulness."

Mr. Breuil's basement workshop was a wonderland. It was there that the guns were kept in such shape that despite their long past they looked like a recent issue from the armory. Here too shells were reloaded—shells which in many instances could not be replaced. In this workshop Mr. Breuil spent many happy and constructive hours. Nor did his collecting ever tempt Mr. Breuil to become a "dealer." His hobby was conducted for the love of the hobby

itself; and it occupied his spare hours from the time he first fell in love with old guns, at the age of eight years, until the time of his death.

Francis W. Breuil was twice married. He married, first, Theresa Scott. Of their children, three survive: 1. Francis Scott, of West Chester, Pennsylvania. 2. James Francis, of Buffalo, New York. 3. Mrs. Elizabeth Breuil Maney, of Westport, Connecticut. Theresa (Scott) Breuil died, and he married, second, Sara A. Scott. An enthusiastic devotee of her husband's hobby, Mrs. Breuil was associated with him during his life in the collecting and care of the guns, and since his death has carried on, adding new pieces to this already celebrated assemblage.

Mr. Breuil died October 27, 1944, bringing to a close a full and varied life, more full of adventure than most; more shaped about the worth-while, rewarding and inspiring pursuits. As mining and mechanical engineer, soldier, prospector, world-traveller, his life had the dimensions and the achievement to set him apart. If it is true that "Men's works of labor die; their works of pleasure live," there remains, in the nationally renowned collection which he made, material and lasting testimony that that which can bring pleasure to one man may also bring pleasure, edification and admiration to thousands.

**WILLIAM F. DAUGHERTY**—As secretary and treasurer of the Crisfield Hardware Company, Inc., William F. Daugherty has made a notable contribution to the life of this region and of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Mr. Daugherty was born December 19, 1893, in Crisfield, Maryland, son of William E. and Grace L. (Sterling) Daugherty. His father, born April 1, 1866, near Crisfield, was for many years a hardware merchant until his death on September 20, 1936. He also took an active role in the civic life of Crisfield, where he served as town clerk about 1912, and also as a member of Somerset County School Board. In the Free and Accepted Masons he was affiliated with Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, the Knights Templar Commandery, and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and was past master of his lodge. His wife, Mrs. Grace L. (Sterling) Daugherty, mother of William F. Daugherty, was born in Crisfield, on April 7, 1869.

William F. Daugherty attended public schools in Crisfield, his birthplace, and was graduated from high school in 1911. He became associated with his father, William F. Daugherty, in 1908, joining the older man in the conduct of the family's general hardware business in Crisfield. Having been employed at odd times in the store from an early period in his boyhood, he was thoroughly familiar with the details of the business when he took on full-time duties there, after the completion of his high school studies.

Taking an ever more important part in the operation of the business, he has continued to conduct the Crisfield Hardware Company down to the time of writing, in association with members of his family. His connection with this company dates from 1899, and in his present capacity as secretary and treasurer, he continues his father's work. The president of the company is his mother, Mrs. Grace L. (Sterling) Daugherty.

In addition to his activities in the hardware business, William F. Daugherty is also a director of the Bank of Crisfield and is deeply interested in his community's civic and social life. A past member of the Rotary







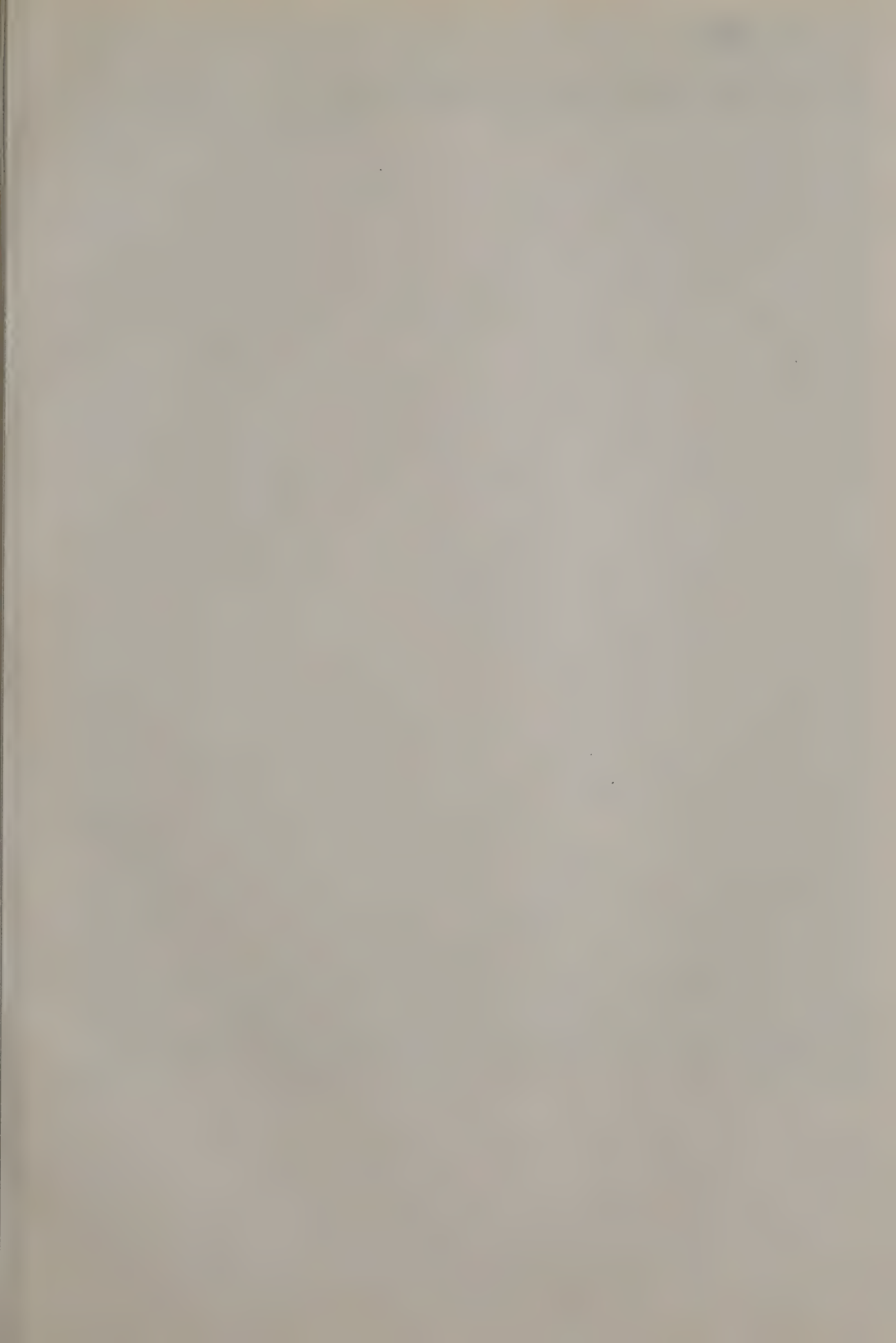
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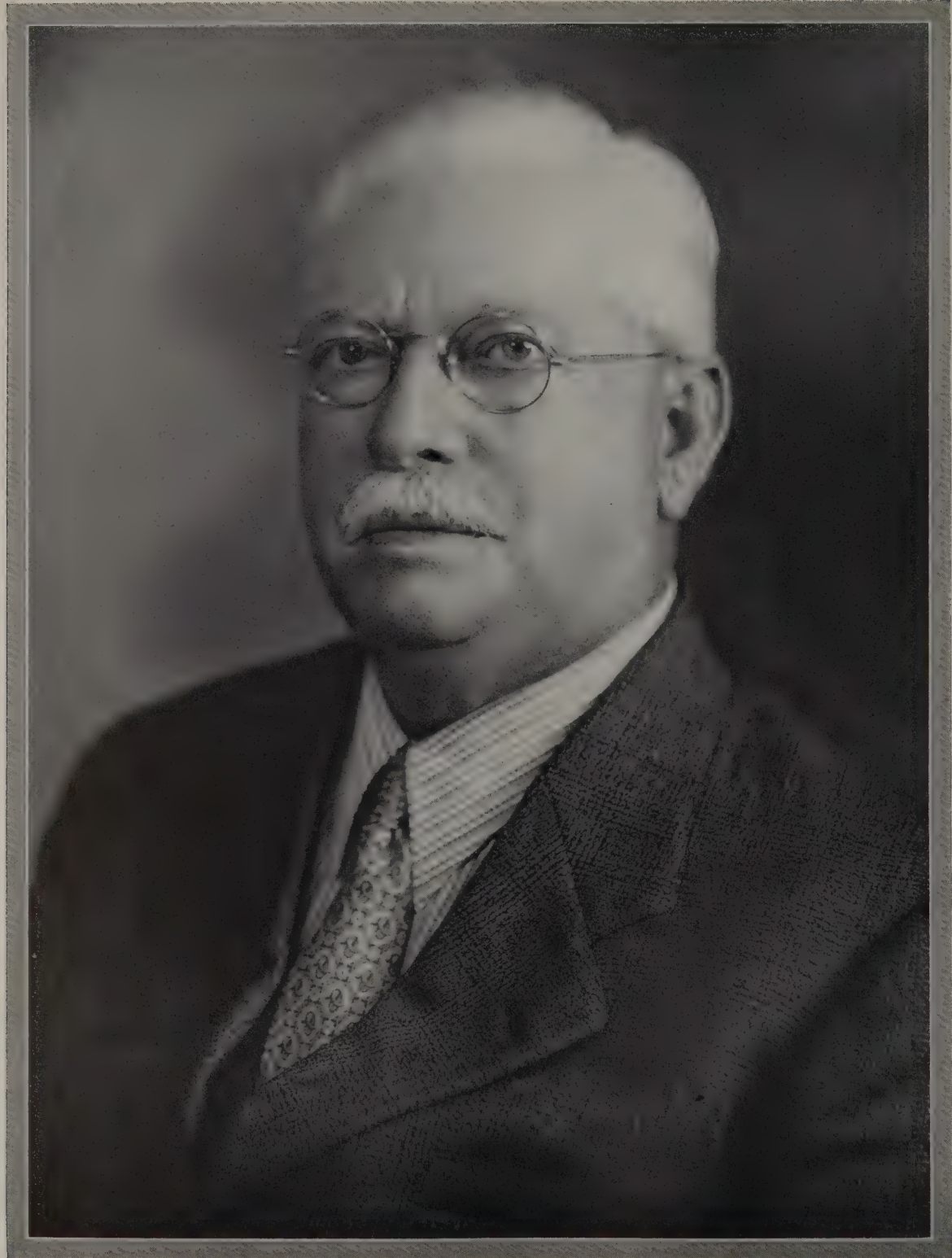


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Club, he also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce here, and is a Democrat in his political affiliation. In the Free and Accepted Masons he was master of his lodge in 1920, and again in 1931, and is now secretary of the lodge. He attends Immanuel Methodist Church.

William F. Daugherty married, April 2, 1929, in LaGrange, Georgia, Ethel Pike, of that place, daughter of C. N. and Adela (Hunter) Pike. Her father was born near LaGrange, and her mother, born in La Grange, is now deceased.

**JAMES C. W. TAWES, JR.**—A partner in the sea food packing firm of J. C. W. Tawes and Son, James C. W. Tawes, Jr., is one of the prominent business men of Eastern Shore. Mr. Tawes was born May 21, 1918, in Crisfield, Maryland, son of J. C. W. and Lenora (Sterling) Tawes, both natives of this place. The paternal grandparents were Hance E. Tawes, born in Crisfield, and Elizabeth (Elmore) Tawes, also born near this place. J. C. W. Tawes, Sr., born October 13, 1882, early turned his attention to the sea food business, and also became a director of the Bank of Crisfield, and was at one time a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mrs. Lenora (Sterling) Tawes was born in September, 1888.

James C. W. Tawes, Jr., attended public schools throughout the high school grades, and was graduated from Crisfield High School in 1934. After a year at Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, he entered the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1939, as a Bachelor of Science. In 1942 he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from Georgetown University. Choosing to enter his father's business, however, rather than to take up the practice of law, Mr. Tawes became a partner in the packing firm of J. C. W. Tawes and Son in Crisfield, in 1942, so continuing down to the time of writing. This firm, founded in 1908, has steadily grown and developed throughout the intervening years, and now employs forty people in the packing of sea food products, and so contributes to the prosperity of the Crisfield community.

In addition to his business activities, James C. W. Tawes, Jr., takes a deep interest in the civic affairs of Crisfield, where he belongs to the Democratic party, and in political matters as well. He is a member of the Crisfield Sea Food Association, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Sigma Chi fraternity, the Crisfield Country Club and the Methodist Church.

James C. W. Tawes, Jr., married, September 3, 1943, in Crisfield, Edna Louise Knight, born in Lynchburg, Virginia, daughter of Sterling Lafayette and Mabel (Caldwell) Knight, both natives of Virginia, the father of Bedford County, and the mother of Campbell County. The mother died in 1928.

Mr. and Mrs. Tawes became the parents of two children: 1. James C. W., III, born June 7, 1946. 2. Gregory Knight, born May 21, 1947. Both children were born in Baltimore, Maryland.

**BOUNTIFUL RIDGE NURSERIES**—Edgar H. and Homer S. Kemp are the third generation of the Kemp family to be successfully engaged in the growing and distribution of nursery stock. The Bountiful Ridge Nurseries, founded by their father, George W. Kemp, and operated by them at Princess Anne, is known by commercial growers and gardeners alike, throughout the country, and specializes in tree fruits

and small fruits of all kinds. The family's is a tradition in the nursery business, its skills being passed from father to son, resulting in a standard of conscientious service for which this firm is known.

The grandfather of the present proprietors established the first active nursery to be associated with the family name. A western Pennsylvanian, he launched this enterprise near Somerset, that state, in 1875, the family thus having been engaged in this activity for nearly three quarters of a century. Seven years previous to the founding of this first nursery, the founder's son, George W. Kemp, had been born. He took a lifelong interest in the occupation of his father and, when the original nursery at Somerset, Pennsylvania, closed in 1907, he moved to Princess Anne, where he continued in the growing of fruit trees, his product being sold on contract to large orchard concerns and to the wholesale trade. The enterprise was given the name of Bountiful Ridge Nurseries.

George W. Kemp was a tireless worker, with an unflagging enthusiasm for his calling. It is largely through his lifelong efforts that trees and plants grown at Bountiful Ridge are known, and their quality acknowledged in every fruit-growing section of the United States and Canada. He attained renown among his colleagues, and his advice has been sought and followed by fruit-producers everywhere. He is noted for improvement of stocks and development of new varieties. His later years were spent at his lovely home at Bountiful Ridge, where he could witness being carried on to fuller development the enterprise to which he had devoted his years. He had lived at Bountiful Ridge since 1922. Shortly before his death, his health failing, he had retired from active management of the company, being succeeded in his efforts by his sons, Edgar H. and Homer S. Kemp. The former brother manages production, storages and shipping, while Homer S. Kemp is manager of office and sales. George W. Kemp, whose life had been an inspiration to his sons, his colleagues, and nurserymen everywhere, died at his Bountiful Ridge home on June 3, 1943.

Edgar Harrison Kemp, elder son of George Washington and Effie Lillian (Beshoff) Kemp, was born September 8, 1894, at Confluence, Pennsylvania. His schooling, begun in Pennsylvania, was completed after the family had moved to Princess Anne, and he attended high school in that city. After the completion of his formal education, he started in farming, which he continued until the family nursery business, brought to the Eastern Shore by his father, had been established in Princess Anne. He then sold his farm and became associated with his father and brother in the management of the Bountiful Ridge Nurseries.

Edgar H. Kemp participates wholeheartedly in activities of value to his community. He is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Princess Anne. A member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, he is affiliated with all of its branches, and holds the Thirty-second degree. He also belongs to Salisbury Lodge Number 817 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He worships at the Methodist Church.

At Princess Anne, on June 25, 1918, Edgar Harrison Kemp married Frances Watson Custer. They are the parents of three children: 1. Violet Watson. 2. Robert George. 3. Barbara Fern.

Homer Stanley Kemp, younger of the brothers now managing Bountiful Ridge Nurseries, was born at Confluence, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1900, son of George Washington and Effie Lillian (Beshoff) Kemp.



His education at both public and high schools was obtained at Princess Anne, where his family had moved from Pennsylvania when he was seven years of age. After attending high school he enlisted in the armed forces for service in World War I, in Company B of the range-finding division, but did not get into active service, the Armistice terminating hostilities before he had completed his military training. Returning to civilian life, he resumed his education, attending Beacom Business College at Salisbury. He thereafter became associated with his father in the produce business, and after two years they joined in forming the Bountiful Ridge Nurseries. Since the death of George W. Kemp in 1943, the business has been managed by the two brothers.

Homer S. Kemp is a member and past president of the Rotary Club, and a member of the American Legion post at Princess Anne, is affiliated with Salisbury Lodge Number 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and with the Knights of Pythias of Princess Anne. He is a Presbyterian in religious faith.

Homer Stanley Kemp married, July 8, 1930, at Princess Anne, Nancy Lee Miller, daughter of Samuel J. Miller, who was engaged in the lumber business in North Carolina, and his wife, the former Cornelia Louellen Johnston. Mr. and Mrs. Homer S. Kemp are the parents of two children: 1. Homer George, born April 25, 1933. 2. Richard Lee, born August 29, 1935.

**JAMES T. MORRIS**, of St. Michaels, is exceptionally well-known and esteemed. He has been a lifelong resident of this place, where he was born on December 6, 1871, son of William Francis and Mary J. (Griffith) Morris, both natives of Seaford, Delaware, and both now deceased.

William Francis Morris was at one time a railroad man, a conductor working out of Seaford, who later became a barber at St. Michaels. James T. Morris acquired his education in local public schools and early in life learned the barber's trade under the teaching of his father. During the fifteen years that he ran a barber shop in St. Michaels, he became a familiar figure in town affairs, holding a place among the citizens that only one in his vocation could acquire. In 1894 he started in the fire insurance business. Out of the knowledge of people and properties grew his resolve to enter the real estate business, which he did in association with his brother, under the title The Morris Brothers. In 1944 his partner died and since that time James T. Morris has operated under the old name without associates. He is active on the board of directors of the St. Michaels Bank.

Down through the years that Mr. Morris has been a realtor his reputation had grown for integrity, service of clients and constructive contributions to the development of the community, contiguous regions and the welfare of its people. He is a member of the Rotary Club, of the Miles River Yacht Club, and fraternally is affiliated with Granite Lodge, No. 177, Free and Accepted Masons. He attends the Sardis Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was a treasurer for a number of years, and is generous in his support of religious and charitable works. Boating and fishing have been favorite forms of recreation, and few men enjoy watching good baseball teams more than he.

On May 5, 1896, James T. Morris married Nellie Blader, of St. Michaels, who is deceased.

**EARLY JOSEPH HARRIS**, cashier of the Provident State Bank of Preston, has had a varied career. For a number of years he was associated with a large tobacco company in travelling capacities. Among the citizens of Preston his abilities and integrity are recognized.

Mr. Harris is a native of North Carolina, born in Salisbury in that state. After public schooling he pursued business studies for two years at Sacred Heart School, and has also taken a banking course with the American Institute of Banking.

His first occupation was as salesman with Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company. He spent eighteen years with this concern, first as travelling representative with territory covering eight counties out of Baltimore, and later in China, his territory there being the entire northern part of that great country. Coming to Preston in 1937, Mr. Harris became cashier of the Provident State Bank there, and has held that position since, and is also a director of that organization. He is past president of the Eastern Shore Conference of the National Association of Bank Auditors and Comptrollers.

The Provident State Bank in Preston, originally named The Provident Savings Bank, was incorporated in 1904 by Albert W. Sisk, Alexander Noble, Jesse T. Dennis, Walter M. Wright, Arthur J. Messick, James B. Patton, S. Elbert Douglas, William M. Wright and G. Edgar Williamson. The original building, begun shortly after the charter was granted, was completed early in 1906, and the early prosperity which the organization experienced necessitated enlarging facilities, which brought the building to its present dimensions. W. Johnson Bonner is its present president, and Mr. Harris is the sixth man to serve in the capacity of cashier and is now also secretary. At present the board and personnel consist of: W. Johnson Bonner, president; J. Hudson Taylor, vice president; Early J. Harris, secretary and cashier; Franklin D. Nusbaum, assistant cashier; Miss Dorothy V. Hall and Mrs. Gertrude Planner, bookkeepers. The following are directors: J. Judson Taylor, Harry H. Rieck, A. J. Messick, E. J. Harris, C. B. Harrison, Harry B. Wright, Harry M. Hollis, Howard M. Harris, and W. Johnson Bonner. Initially a savings bank, the organization enlarged the scope of its activities in 1912 to include all the benefits of any commercial bank. A local editor calls the bank a "truly community affair": at the time of a reorganization in 1946, over two hundred names were added to its list of stockholders. Its capital has grown from \$10,000 at the time of its opening to present capital accounts above \$110,000, and deposits totalling over a million. It has not departed from its purpose as stated in its charter application: "The primary object of the bank is to . . . foster and encourage habit of providence in the people of Caroline and adjoining counties . . . and to protect and promote the interests."

Mr. Harris' interests outside of the bank are, as has been suggested, varied and of undoubted value to the community. His contribution to religious life locally is considerable, for he heads the Preston Salvation Army organization. He is president of the Lions Club, and a member of the Talbot Country Club and the Choptank Country Club. Mr. Harris finds diversion in golf or a quiet game of cards.

In Peking, China, on June 26, 1926, Early Joseph Harris married Robin Smith. A native of West Virginia, she was a daughter of Troy P. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have two children: 1. William Joseph, a





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graduate of Preston High School and Charlotte Hall Military School. During World War II he served for two years in the United States Navy with the rating of hospital corpsman first class, and is at present pursuing premedical studies at the University of Maryland. 2. Carlyle Smith, graduate of Preston High School and Charlotte Hall Military School, now attending the University of Maryland.

**ORLAND BEVERLY BLADES** has been in the trucking business in Preston for a number of years and in the spring of 1948, with Clarence W. Phillips, organized the firm of Blades & Phillips, dealers in farm implements and feeds. He was born August 29, 1901 in Seaford, Delaware, the son of Alva and Lillian (Thompson) Blades, the former a native of Bethlehem and the latter of Vienna, Maryland. His father is now retired.

At the age of four Orland Beverly Blades moved with his parents to Bethlehem, where he spent his childhood. He attended the local elementary school, Preston High School, and Washington College. After leaving college, he worked for a time for John Noble in his garage and then for four years was associated with Shannahan & Wrightson, dealers in Nash cars in Easton. He then built a small garage and service station in Bethlehem and operated it from 1926 to 1934. In 1934 he became associated as an owner operator with the Preston Trucking Company which his brother, A. T. Blades (q.v.) had started in 1932. He now has charge of all freight delivered on the Eastern Shore. This spring, with Clarence W. Phillips, Jr., he started the firm of Blades & Phillips in Preston, handling the Case line of farm machinery and selling feeds as well.

Mr. Blades is a member of the Preston Volunteer Fire Company, and fraternally he is affiliated with Preston Lodge, No. 207, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master, and he is a member of the Caroline-Dorchester Counties Past Masters Association. He is a prominent member of the Lions Club, having served as president in the past and now holding office as deputy district governor of District 22B of the Lions Club organization. Mr. Blades is a Democrat and a member of the Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he serves as steward. He belongs to the Belmont Country Club and the Talbot Country Club of Easton. His favorite recreation is perhaps golf, but he is extremely fond of skeet shooting, quail shooting and in fact almost any kind of sports.

He married on June 16, 1929, Mildred Stevens of Caroline County, the daughter of William Canly and Ida (Newkirk) Stevens, the former a native of Caroline County and the latter of Baltimore. Mrs. Stevens is a graduate of the State Teachers College. Mr. and Mrs. Blades are the parents of two children: 1. Beverly Stevens Blades, born in November, 1930, now a student at Beacom Business College. 2. Robert Stuart Blades, born in August, 1937, a student in the local school.

**CLARENCE WILSON PHILLIPS, JR.**, who on March 15, 1948, with O. B. Blades organized the firm of Blades & Phillips, of Preston, dealers in feeds and farm implements, was born October 30, 1916, at Princess Anne, in Somerset County, the son of Clarence and Florence (Bounds) Phillips, both natives of Somerset County. Clarence W. Phillips is the manager of a farm implements and hardware business.

Clarence Wilson Phillips, Jr., attended the local ele-

mentary school and Washington High School, after which he became a student at the University of Maryland. He graduated in 1939 with the degree of Bachelor of Science, specializing in agriculture. From 1939 to 1946 he taught agriculture and science in the Preston High School, with the exception of ten months spent in the United States Navy engaged in personnel classification work. For a time he had charge of registration for selective service. In 1946 Mr. Phillips became assistant manager of the Maryland Chicken Company, which operates a poultry dressing plant at Denton. This position he filled until March 15, 1948, when with O. B. Blades he organized the business of Blades & Phillips of Preston to sell feeds and farm implements. Mr. Phillips has farmed for himself on a small scale and he is thoroughly familiar with the problems of agriculture from both the practical and theoretical standpoints. His new enterprise has already got off to a good start because of his many friends among the farmers of the region, and he and Mr. Blades are doing a promising business. In 1944-46 Mr. Phillips served as regional co-ordinator for adult education courses for Kent, Queen Annes, Talbot, and Caroline counties. He is a member and past president of the Preston Lions Club, and a member of the Belmont Country Club. In the university he belonged to Alpha Zeta agricultural fraternity. Mr. Phillips is a Democrat and an Episcopalian. His hobbies are gardening, cabinet and repair work, radio and electrical work.

Clarence Wilson Phillips, Jr., married on June 21, 1941, Mamie Odella Legates of Bethlehem, Maryland, the daughter of Roy M. and Cora (O'Della) Legates of Bethlehem. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have one son, Larry Wilson Phillips, born April 17, 1944.

**JAMES E. MATHEWS**—Originator of a New Hampshire strain of poultry which bears his name, James E. Mathews is founder and operator of the Mathews Hatchery at Salisbury. This hatchery, with an established process which maintains the New Hampshire strain unbroken throughout the Eastern Shore, has developed nationwide fame among poultrymen, farmers and food processors and distributors. Associated in the business with Mr. Mathews is his son-in-law, Norman Francis Toadvine, formerly of Swift and Company.

Mr. Mathews was born in Wicomico County on October 6, 1890, the son of James Jackson and Sallie A. (Parsons) Mathews. His father was one of the county's leading farmers, as is his son today.

After completing what little schooling was available in the country schools of Wicomico County in his boyhood, Mr. Mathews worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years old. Then he went to Philadelphia, where he worked for a brief period for the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. His next job was with the Citizens Gas Company of Delmar, Delaware. But after remaining there for about a year, he returned to Wicomico County and resumed his old place at his father's side on the family farm.

There he remained until on January 16, 1915, in Worcester County, he married Sadie May Parsons, daughter of William V. and Ida Ellen (Allen) Parsons. To this marriage was born a daughter, Ethel Marie, on December 18, 1920.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Mathews left his father's farm and went into truck farming on his own, specializing in tomato and cabbage plants. At the same time he launched what was to become a colossal

business and to make him a national figure in the poultry industry. His beginnings in poultry were truly humble, for he had only fifteen chickens. But he gathered experience as he went along and increased his flock. Eventually he reached a point where he was breeding chickens scientifically and finally he produced the Mathews original New Hampshire strain, now known throughout the Eastern Shore.

The Mathews Hatchery produces one hundred and thirty thousand chicks every three weeks and, when running at full capacity, operates ten thousand breeders. From these breeders come eggs which are hatched at the hatchery. The baby chicks are then sold to farmers on the Eastern Shore who bring up these chicks to the point where they are old enough to lay eggs. These eggs are resold to the Mathews Hatchery where the breeders complete the process by hatching more chicks. Thus the New Hampshire strain is maintained unbroken on the Eastern Shore.

Although Mr. Mathews takes an active interest in all farm organizations, and all other programs dedicated to the betterment of his county and the Eastern Shore, he does not belong to any organizations himself. County residents have discovered, however, that he can always be enlisted in any good cause. He is a Democrat and a Methodist.

His daughter, Ethel Marie, is now the wife of his associate, Norman Francis Toadvine, the story of whose life and career accompanies.

**NORMAN FRANCIS TOADVINE**—Residents of Eastern Shore attribute much of the recent development of the famous Mathews Hatchery at Salisbury to the managerial and technical skill of Norman Francis Toadvine, son-in-law and associate of the founder, James E. Mathews. Formerly of Swift and Company, Mr. Toadvine has been with Mr. Mathews since 1938 and in that time has extended the reputation he made while with the big meat-packing concern as a poultryman.

Mr. Toadvine was born in Salisbury on January 27, 1914, the son of Willie Mayhew and Anna May (Jones) Toadvine. His father was a truck farmer in Wicomico County. Norman F. Toadvine was educated in the elementary and high schools of Salisbury and on completing his education entered the employ of the Swift and Company branch at Salisbury. He remained in the company's poultry department for five years, becoming in time assistant receiving clerk.

In 1938 he became associated with Mr. Mathews in the operation of the Mathews Hatchery, located on Mount Hermon Road in Wicomico County near Salisbury. Active in the management of the hatchery, he has helped develop it into the great size and popularity it enjoys today. It serves the entire Eastern Shore. Mr. Toadvine's ability is respected throughout the hatchery business, and his name is known to poultrymen in many parts of the nation.

He is also known for his hobby, photography, and he was one of the organizers of the Salisbury Camera Club, in which he continues active.

Mr. Toadvine married Ethel Marie Mathews, the daughter of his associate and of Sadie May (Parsons) Mathews, in Pittsville, Maryland, on July 2, 1938. Mr. and Mrs. Toadvine have three children: 1. Melvin James, born December 12, 1940. 2. Charlotte Elaine, born February 2, 1945. 3. Norman Francis, 2nd, born August 17, 1948. All three children were born at Salisbury.

**ARTEMUS REESE BETTS**—Associated for many years with Charles D. Briddell Company, Inc., of Crisfield, Artemus Reese Betts is now vice president in charge of production, and a director of the corporation. This company is engaged in a variety of engineering and technical productions, and Mr. Betts' contribution to these efforts has been outstanding.

Mr. Betts was born November 4, 1893, in Dagsboro, Delaware, son of Artemus W. and Eleanor (Green) Betts, both natives of Delaware, the father of Millsboro, and the mother of Sussex County. The father was a minister of the Methodist faith and a member of the Maryland Annual Conference of his denomination. He was a Republican in his political views, and an active fraternalist, having belonged to the Order of United American Mechanics.

Artemus Reese Betts attended public schools in Dagsboro, his Delaware birthplace, and was graduated from high school there in 1911. The following year he passed the teacher's examination given by the State of Delaware, and became a certified public school teacher. He taught school in Delaware five years, and during this time, by taking special courses in education, and passing additional examinations he was granted a "Grade A" teacher's certificate and continued teaching through 1918. He turned his attention to industrial affairs in the following year, becoming a toolmaker with the Charles D. Briddell Company, Incorporated, in 1919. Later he took charge of the toolroom and maintenance department, and after valuable service along these lines, he became plant manager in 1941. He managed the factory through the difficult period of World War II, and in the years immediately thereafter, then was made vice president in charge of production, and a director of the company in 1947, so continuing down to the time of writing. Mr. Betts takes an active interest in the general affairs of his community as well as in his own business. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Crisfield, is a Republican in his political affiliation, and is a deacon and trustee of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Betts married June 20, 1918, in Crisfield, Maryland, Lillian Burke, born in Crisfield, daughter of William A. and Annie (Somers) Burke. Her father was born in Worcester County, Maryland, and her mother in Crisfield. Mr. and Mrs. Betts became the parents of one son, William B. Betts, born February 10, 1923, in Crisfield.

**CHARLES MATTHEWS WOOLSTON, JR.**, is engaged in the insurance business in Crisfield, representing most of the old reliable insurance companies and handling general insurance. He was born in Crisfield on May 14, 1916, the son of Charles M. and Willie Mae (Landon) Woolston, the former a native of Baltimore, and the latter a native of Virginia. Charles M. Woolston, Sr., is a sea food dealer and shipper in Crisfield. He is a staunch Democrat and is at present a member of the City Council. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Charles Matthews Woolston, Jr., attended the Crisfield public schools, graduating from Crisfield High School in the class of 1933. He then took a practical business course in the Beacom Business School of Wilmington, Delaware. From 1936 to 1940 he operated a sea food business for himself under the name of the Chesapeake Sea Food Company, handling the packing and shipping of sea foods. He served as





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*Edgar S. Hubbert*



clerk to the county commissioners of Somerset County in the years 1939 and 1940, and clerk of the local draft board from 1940 to 1941. From 1942 to 1947, Mr. Woolston headed up the industrial relations department of the Charles D. Briddell Company of Crisfield. On January 1, 1947, having made up his mind to enter the insurance field, he purchased the F. E. Gardner Insurance Agency of Crisfield, an old and well-established insurance business which had been founded by F. E. Gardner in the year 1897. Mr. Woolston is building up a clientele for himself under the old name. He is a member of the Maryland Association of Insurance Agents, a member and past president of the Kiwanis Club and a member of the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce. He is affiliated with the Democratic party. An active member of the Immanuel Methodist Church, he serves as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, and a member of the board of trustees.

He married at Crisfield on September 20, 1936, Elizabeth Ward, a native of Crisfield and the daughter of Weldon and Elizabeth (Daugherty) Ward, both natives of Crisfield. Mr. and Mrs. Woolston are the parents of one son, Charles Matthews Woolston, III, born October 12, 1939.

**WILLIAM G. KERBIN, JR.**—One of the leading citizens of Snow Hill, William G. Kerbin, Jr., is well-known as a lawyer and has made valuable contributions to journalism through the weekly paper, the "Democratic Messenger." His efforts in these fields of endeavor, in addition to other interests in the community, have earned for him an enviable reputation among his many friends and associates.

Mr. Kerbin was born July 24, 1910, at Snow Hill, Maryland, son of William G., Sr., and Alice (Boehm) Kerbin. His father, who was born in 1863, attended Dover Academy, became a prominent attorney, served in the Maryland State Legislature, and from 1915 until 1923 served as state's attorney for Worcester County, Maryland. The elder Mr. Kerbin was a member of the Maryland State Bar Association, and in politics adhered to the Democratic party. He passed away December 23, 1933. Alice (Boehm) Kerbin, mother of William Kerbin, was born in 1891, in Baltimore County, Maryland.

William G. Kerbin attended the local public schools and was graduated from the Snow Hill High School. In 1928 he was graduated from Charlotte Hall Military School and four years later, in 1932, received the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the University of Baltimore.

In October, 1933, Mr. Kerbin was admitted to the Maryland bar. Immediately he began the practice of law with his father, an association which was to last only a few months, due to the untimely passing of the elder Mr. Kerbin. He continued the practice of law alone and has, throughout the years, gained an ever increasing reputation for conscientious professional methods and praiseworthy results. In addition to his law work, Mr. Kerbin also operates and owns, with Jack F. Austin Culver, Jr., the "Democratic Messenger," a weekly newspaper. This publication has experienced a remarkable degree of success under their management, and recently it was voted the second best weekly newspaper in the State of Maryland.

In connection with his professional legal work, Mr. Kerbin served as state's attorney from 1938 until 1946, and is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association. In connection with his journalistic endeavors, he belongs to the National Editorial Associa-

tion, and holds memberships in the Maryland Press Association and the Del-Mar-Va Press Association. In civic and community affairs he plays a vital role. He serves as chief of the Snow Hill Fire Department, belongs to the Rotary Club, and in politics strongly supports the Democratic party. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian and serves as vestryman in the local Episcopal Church.

On January 7, 1935, at Pocomoke City, Maryland, William G. Kerbin married Margaret Howard, daughter of Charles K. Howard. Mrs. Kerbin is a native of Pocomoke City. Mr. and Mrs. Kerbin became the parents of the following children: 1. William Howard, who was born August 24, 1938. 2. Susan Caroline, born October 30, 1943.

**EDGAR S. HUBBERT**—The firm of E. S. Hubbert and Son, doing a large business in farm machinery and supplies, has a long and creditable history in Cambridge. Edgar S. Hubbert has experience running back even further, to the time when he went into the general storekeeping with his father, and now, in partnership with his son, he brings to his present business reliability and wisdom.

Edgar Hubbert was born in the Williamsburg district of Dorchester County on November 24, 1887. He attended the public schools of that county, and farmed with his father until he was eighteen years old, when his father retired from farming and began keeping a general store in the town of Linkwood. Edgar Hubbert joined his father in this enterprise, and in 1914, when his father withdrew from business, took it over himself and operated it until 1920.

In that year there was in Cambridge a firm operating under the name of Jones and Groff, and Mr. Hubbert found in this a favorable opportunity for a merger. Shortly there emerged the new Hubbert-Groff Implement Company carrying a full line of farm machinery, feed, seed, and a variety of supplies. In 1924 Mr. Hubbert bought Mr. Groff's share, and operated independently until 1934, when he took his son in as a partner, and changed the firm name to E. S. Hubbert and Son, as it remains to the present time.

For over twenty-five years this business was located on Race Street in Cambridge; but in the handling of farm equipment in particular, and also due to the continued healthy growth of the firm, the need for larger quarters was realized. At the present location on Sunburst Highway, a large and completely modern showroom was built, with facilities for the assembling of farm machinery to be shown on the premises. It is one of the most spacious display rooms in this part of the state. International Harvester machinery is sold here, recognized brands of feeds and grains, and a complete line of hardware. The territory served by this store includes Dorchester County and the southern part of Talbot County; and the firm gives employment to nine persons.

Mr. Hubbert is active in community affairs, being a member of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce and of the Mar-Del-Va Farm Equipment Association, and a past member of the Rotary Club. He is a director of the Peoples Loan, Savings and Deposit Bank. In his political views he is a Democrat.

As a Mason, Mr. Hubbert is particularly active. He is Past Master of Cambridge Lodge, No. 66; Past High Priest of Hayward Chapter, No. 29, and Past Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Maryland; Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Zabud Council, No. 9; Past Commander of Commandery, No. 14; Grand Marshal of the Grand Council of Royal and

Select Masters of Maryland; and a trustee of the Masonic Home in Maryland. He is also prominent in adjunct bodies; as Past Patron of Minerva Chapter, No. 50, Order of the Eastern Star, of Cambridge, and as a Past Worthy Grand Patron in the State of Maryland, of the Order of the Eastern Star; and as a member of Boumi Temple, Baltimore, of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Hubbert worships at the Zion Methodist Church, where he is a trustee and one of the official board.

On April 9, 1907, Edgar S. Hubbert married Versa Hurlley, of Dorchester County, daughter of Levin H. and Octavia Langrell Hurlley. Mrs. Hubbert is Past Matron and Past Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter in Maryland of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbert are the parents of one son, T. Sewell, born December 20, 1911. He graduated from Wesley Collegiate Institute and the University of Maryland, after which he became associated with his father in business. He married Miss Gertrude B. Hartman of Camden, Delaware, and they are the parents of two children, Gertrude Burt and T. Sewell, Jr. T. Sewell Hubbert is, like his father, prominent in Masonic activities, and is also Past Master of Cambridge Lodge, No. 66, and member of other York Rite bodies.

**HOWARD WILLIAM COVINGTON**—Since 1941 prominently identified with merchandising in Pocomoke City, Howard William Covington has demonstrated outstanding qualities of business acumen and integrity. His contributions toward the commercial development of this city have been numerous and valuable, and he has merited the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Covington was born November 26, 1901, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of James and Ella (Adams) Covington. The elder Mr. Covington was born, in 1873, at Pocomoke City, became a well-known printer of the region, and now resides in Somerset County. Ella (Adams) Covington, mother of Howard Covington, was born, in 1874, at Crisfield.

Mr. Covington moved with his family to Maryland at an early age and attended the public schools of Havre de Grace.

When Mr. Covington was only sixteen years of age, he became associated with the printing industry as a member of the firm known as the Peninsula Enterprise, Accomac, Virginia. In 1923, after having spent six years with this company learning the intricacies of the printing industry, he decided to go into business for himself. Consequently he established a job printing office at Parksley, Virginia, which became very successful under his management. In 1931 he moved to Onancock, Virginia, where he became associated with the Eastern Shore Publishing Company as a partner. He remained there for ten years, gaining a thorough knowledge of the printing industry. This experience led to his decision to again branch out for himself in business. Therefore, in 1941, he came to Pocomoke City and established his own enterprise under the name of the Western Auto Associate Store. As sole owner, he has been largely responsible for the success experienced by the establishment.

Active in the life of the community, Mr. Covington is a member of the Pocomoke Business Men's Association. In politics he is an ardent Democrat, and in religious faith he is a Methodist, attending the Salem Methodist Church.

On June 19, 1937, at Melfa, Virginia, Howard Wil-

liam Covington married Missouri Thomas, daughter of Fred L. and Gertrude (Doughty) Thomas. Her father was born in Accomac County, Virginia, near Melfa, and her mother was a native of the same county, passing away there in 1937.

**CLARENCE A. CHRISTY**—One of Crisfield's leading business men is Clarence A. Christy, president of the George A. Christy Company, packers and shippers of oysters, crabs and other sea food. He is also president of the Ledge Rock Oyster Farms, Incorporated, planters of oysters, and of Christy's Marine Railway, a shipbuilding concern engaged in the building, rebuilding and repair of all kinds of fishing vessels. In addition to his responsibilities as head of these three important concerns, Mr. Christy finds time to take an active part in a number of local organizations.

He was born in Crisfield on January 6, 1896, the son of George A. and Elizabeth (Sterling) Christy, both natives of Crisfield. George A. Christy, who was born in 1875, and died in 1932, was a sea food packer and shipper, and head of the business which still bears his name today. He was well thought of locally and was a member of the Order of United American Mechanics, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Knights of Pythias.

Clarence A. Christy attended the public schools of Crisfield, both elementary school and Crisfield High School. He then became associated with his father in the family sea food business, beginning work with the George A. Christy Company in the year 1912. This company, which is engaged in packing and shipping sea food, today employs about two hundred people. Mr. Christy is not, however, content merely to follow in the footsteps of his father, but realizes that it is important to build up the family business by keeping up with new developments. He, therefore, has devoted a great deal of his attention to the Ledge Rock Oyster Farms, Incorporated, of which he is also president. The third concern which he heads, Christy's Marine Railway, is a local shipyard which keeps in close touch with the needs of fishermen and does repairing, rebuilding, and also builds all kinds of fishing vessels to meet the local demand of this leading industry on which so much of the prosperity of the Eastern Shore is based. In 1945 the present modern building of two and three stores was completed to house the office and a plant for the processing of oysters.

Mr. Christy is, like his father, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is also fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge Number 104. He is active in the affairs of the Crisfield Sea Food Packers Association and the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce. In politics, Mr. Christy has always been an independent voter. He is a member of the Immanuel Methodist Episcopal Church.

Clarence A. Christy married at Crisfield, Olive R. Sterling, a native of Crisfield and the daughter of Edward Sterling. Mr. and Mrs. Christy became the parents of two children: 1. Richard Wayne, born in Crisfield, February 2, 1914, and now associated with his father in the business. 2. Donna Jean, born in Crisfield, August 5, 1929.

**WILLIAM JOSEPH AHTEs** operates a large restaurant on the outskirts of Salisbury on the road to Ocean City and he also operates the Ocean City Yacht Club restaurant in Ocean City. Both enter-







*George O. Hendrickson Jr.*

prises are very successful. Mr. Ahtes takes an active interest in local affairs.

He was born in Baltimore June 1, 1901, the son of Joseph and Wilhelmina Ahtes, the former a native of France and the latter of Hungary. Mr. Ahtes's father is a steward and chef, and his mother too has been in the restaurant business, so he comes naturally by his talents in that field.

He received his education in the public schools of Baltimore. After leaving school he joined the United States Navy and took part in World War I, with the rating of machinist's mate. He served on battleships and destroyers, saw action in the Atlantic and in all spent five and a half years in the Navy before he received his discharge. He then spent about six months working with his mother in the restaurant which she was operating in Baltimore, after which he entered the employ of the American Tobacco Company in Baltimore. After about a year he left his position there and came to Salisbury. For eight years he was employed by the Toledo Scales Company. He then resigned and opened his large restaurant on the city's outskirts on the road to Ocean City, which he is operating at the present time. This restaurant has prospered and caters to the best of people along the Eastern Shore. Mr. Ahtes also is in charge of the Ocean City Yacht Club restaurant in Ocean City. He is an active member of the American Legion and also of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and he belongs also to the East Side Men's Club. Mr. Ahtes is a Roman Catholic in his religion, and a Democrat in his politics.

He married on February 23, 1929, Ethel May Tingle, the daughter of Elisha and Bessie (Evans) Tingle, her father being a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Ahtes are the parents of two children: 1. James Oliver, a student in Salisbury High School at the present time. 2. William Joseph, Jr., also a student.

**GEORGE OTIS HENDRICKSON, JR.**—As a capable business man George Otis Hendrickson, Jr., takes his place among the citizens who contribute importantly to the welfare of Salisbury, of which he has been a long-time resident. His personal interests are varied and he participates in many community activities.

Born at Urbana, Maryland, on July 25, 1900, George Otis Hendrickson is the son of George Otis and Pearl (Watkins) Hendrickson, both natives of Maryland. His mother was born at Center Grove, and his father, born at Urbana, is a well-known merchant and staunch Democrat. George Otis Hendrickson, Jr., began his education in the schools of his birthplace and was graduated from the Urbana High School in 1927. Entering the University of Maryland, he was graduated with the class of 1931. His first employment of note after leaving college, was with the Maryland State Highway Commission, in connection with its materials department in 1930. He resigned in 1934 to go with the W. F. Messick Ice Company and the Salisbury Ice Company, both of Salisbury. From 1934 to 1940 he was assistant manager of these enterprises, and since 1940 he has been the general manager and assistant treasurer. His firm engages in the manufacture of ice and cold storage facilities.

Like his father, George O. Hendrickson, Jr., is a Democrat. His college fraternity is Delta Sigma Phi, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, member of its various bodies, including the Temple,

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a popular figure in the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce; member of the Rotary Club, of which he is a past secretary; and is a former president of the Town Club. He also belongs to the United States Power Boat Squadron. He worships in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

At Salisbury, George Otis Hendrickson, Jr., married Ruth Messick, who was born in this city, the daughter of William F. and Muriel (White) Messick, both natives of Maryland, her father born in Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson, Jr., are the parents of two daughters, both born in Salisbury: 1. Patricia Ruth, born November 29, 1941. 2. Ruth Georgene, born April 3, 1945.

**NORMAN ELLIS SARTORIUS, JR., M.D.**—One of the leading general practitioners of Pocomoke City, and possessing a brilliant war record earned in the United States Army Medical Corps, Dr. Norman Ellis Sartorius, Jr., is establishing himself in this community as a citizen of ability and good judgment. His valuable contributions toward the development of the medical profession here and other phases of community life have merited the esteem of his many friends.

Norman Sartorius was born February 12, 1913, at Pocomoke City, Maryland, son of Dr. Norman Ellis Sartorius, Sr., also a member of the medical profession in this city.

Norman Ellis Sartorius, Jr., attended the local public schools and was graduated from high school in 1929. He then entered the University of Richmond, and, in 1933, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at that institution. After completing his regular college training, he entered the University of Maryland Medical School, from which he was graduated in 1937, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Dr. Sartorius served his internship at Maryland General Hospital at Baltimore, during which time he gained much valuable knowledge and experience in the practical aspects of the medical profession. Upon completion of his internship, Dr. Sartorius established a general practice of his own at Pocomoke City. This practice soon began to grow as his reputation for able diagnosis and treatment spread throughout the community.

In 1942 however Dr. Sartorius, on September 5, left this successful work to enlist in the United States Army as a first lieutenant. He was immediately assigned to the Medical Department of the United States Army Air Corps. For twenty-two months he was stationed at a station hospital in Syracuse, New York. At the end of this period of time he went overseas and began a long period of faithful service in the Pacific. Among other places he saw duty at New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Palawan and Leyte. His excellent work was rewarded in April, 1944, when he was promoted to the rank of captain, and in November, 1945, he was again promoted, this time to the rank of major. In 1946 he returned to the United States, and received his honorable discharge in July of that same year.

After returning to civilian life, Dr. Sartorius re-established his general practice. He has continued to serve the community of Pocomoke City with efficiency and devotion to duty. His clientele has steadily grown until today he carries on an extremely successful and prosperous medical practice among a large and faithful group of patients.



In addition to his professional work, Dr. Sartorius belongs to important groups in different phases of community life. He holds memberships in the American Medical Association, the Maryland State Medical Association, and the Worcester County Medical Association. He also serves as president of the Worcester County Medical Society. In connection with his military career, he belongs to the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Kappa Sigma, in politics he leans toward the Democratic party, and in religious faith he is a Baptist.

On October 18, 1939, at Richmond, Virginia, Dr. Norman Ellis Sartorius, Jr., married Sara Elizabeth Harding, daughter of George Stanley and Sara Elizabeth (West) Harding. Her father was born in Essex County, New Jersey, and her mother was a native of Richmond, Virginia. Dr. and Mrs. Sartorius became the parents of one child, Norman Ellis Sartorius, 3rd, who was born February 14, 1947, at Pocomoke City.

**HOWARD N. GERMAN** has been active in the insurance business in Easton since 1936, handling all types of insurance except life insurance and representing the leading stock companies. Mr. German is a charter member and vice president of the National Association of Insurance Agents. In 1947 he served on the National Safety Council. During World War II, Mr. German served for two years in the United States Army Air Corps.

He was born at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on November 7, 1909, the son of John E. and Mary D. (Phillips) German. His father, a native of Williamsport, is a farmer. His mother, a native of Hughesville, Pennsylvania, died in 1918.

Howard N. German received his education in the public schools and in various correspondence courses which he took after leaving school. In 1928 he accepted a position with the Inland Waterways, under the Baltimore Division of the United States Department of Engineering. Later he spent three years in bridge construction work, serving as assistant superintendent with Samford Brooks Company of Baltimore. In January of 1936 he entered the insurance field, becoming associated with Poor, Bowen, Bartlett & Kennedy in Baltimore, and after a few months with this concern, he came to Easton in the spring of 1936 to take over the old Elliott McDaniel Company, then between fifty and sixty years old. He operated an insurance business in Easton under that name until 1946. Meantime, in 1941, he had gained full control of the business and in 1946 he changed its name to Howard N. German Company, Inc. Mr. German is a licensed insurance broker of Talbot County, and handles all types of insurance except life, representing nine leading stock companies. He takes an active part in the business life of Easton, being a charter member and past secretary of the Business Men's Association and a member of the Rotary Club. In his own chosen profession, Mr. German is also very active. In 1947 he served on the National Safety Council. He is a member of Christ Episcopal Church, and in politics is a Democrat. Fraternally Mr. German is affiliated with Coates Lodge, No. 66, Free and Accepted Masons, Baltimore Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Baltimore, and he is affiliated also with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Talbot Country Club, the Tred Avon Yacht Club,

of which he is a rear commodore, and the Talbot Rod and Gun Club. Mr. German's favorite recreations are golf, hunting, and fishing; but he likes people so well that he finds the insurance business a supplementary "hobby." During World War II he was a corporal in the United States Army Air Corps.

He married on December 7, 1935, Susie Lee Spriggs of Smith Island, the daughter of John E. and Agnes (Marshall) Spriggs. Mr. and Mrs. German have one son, Howard N. German, Jr., born April 7, 1942.

**CLARENCE E. PINK**, president of one of Cambridge's leading industries, has taken an active part in the business life of his home community, as well as in its club and lodge affairs.

The son of Edward F. and Carrie L. (Mosher) Pink, he was born in Brooklyn, New York, on February 3, 1892. He attended public schools in New York City, then enrolled at Columbia University, taking courses at Teachers College. He began his career in teaching in the high schools of New York City. However, after several years of teaching, he decided to join his father, who was engaged in the business of wire cloth manufacture in Cambridge. This enterprise, begun in 1915, had been founded by his father; and when Clarence Pink joined the company he assumed the position of secretary and treasurer. This office he held until 1937 when, at the death of his father, Edward F. Pink, he became president of the Cambridge Wire Cloth Company, and he has headed the company since that time. He has become a director of the People's Loan, Savings and Deposit Bank of Cambridge, and a director of the Chesapeake Air Lines, and aside from his business connections is always willing to assist in any worth-while community activity. Another activity for which he has found time has been writing, and he has contributed a number of articles to trade journals.

The lodges of which Mr. Pink is a member are the Cambridge Lodge No. 66 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Loyal Order of Moose; and the Knights of Pythias. His hobby is yachting, and he is past commodore of the Cambridge Yacht Club. He is a member also of the Cambridge Country Club, being its past president; and he belongs to the Cambridge Lions. Mr. Pink's political party is the Republican. He serves on the Chamber of Commerce.

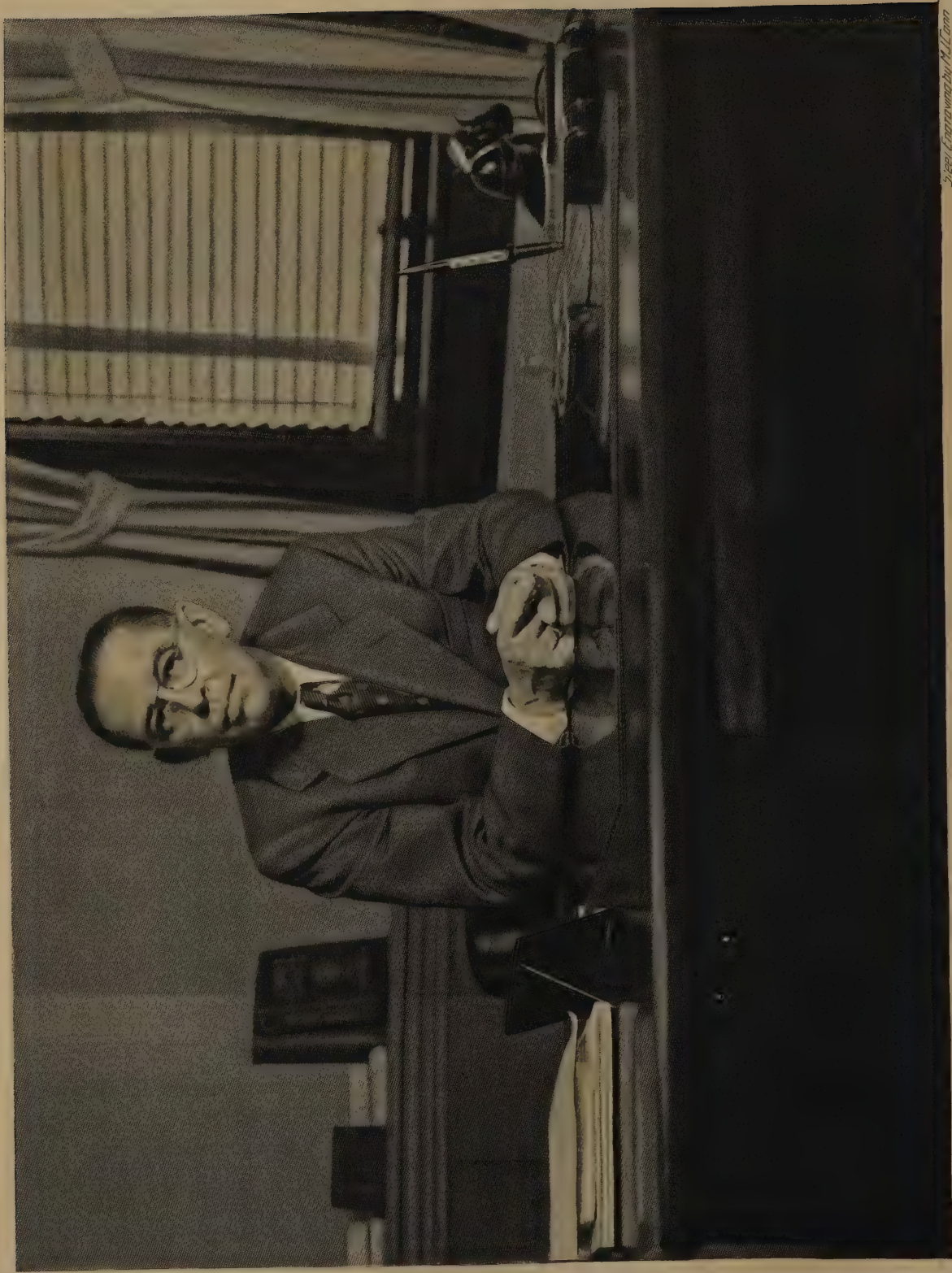
On June 15, 1914, Clarence E. Pink married Miss Julia Nuding, daughter of Nicholas and Catherine Nuding. They are the parents of two children: 1. Lorraine, a graduate of Washington College, who is married to Edward N. Evans. 2. Lucille, a graduate of Brenau College.

**ROBERT WEST PINK** of Cambridge, who with his brother Edward Francis Pink (q. v.) organized the Cambridge Wire Cloth Company in 1915, was vice president of the company from the time it was first organized until his death. Like his brother, he had had many years of experience as a wire cloth weaver in his youth, and he played an active part in the successful development of this important Cambridge concern, an account of which is given elsewhere in this volume.

Robert West Pink was born in Brooklyn, New York, April 15, 1875, the son of Thomas Robert and Mary Ann (Roberts) Pink. His father was a master bricklayer and stone-mason and also a carpenter. After attending elementary school in Brooklyn, Robert West Pink in 1892 began an apprenticeship in wire cloth



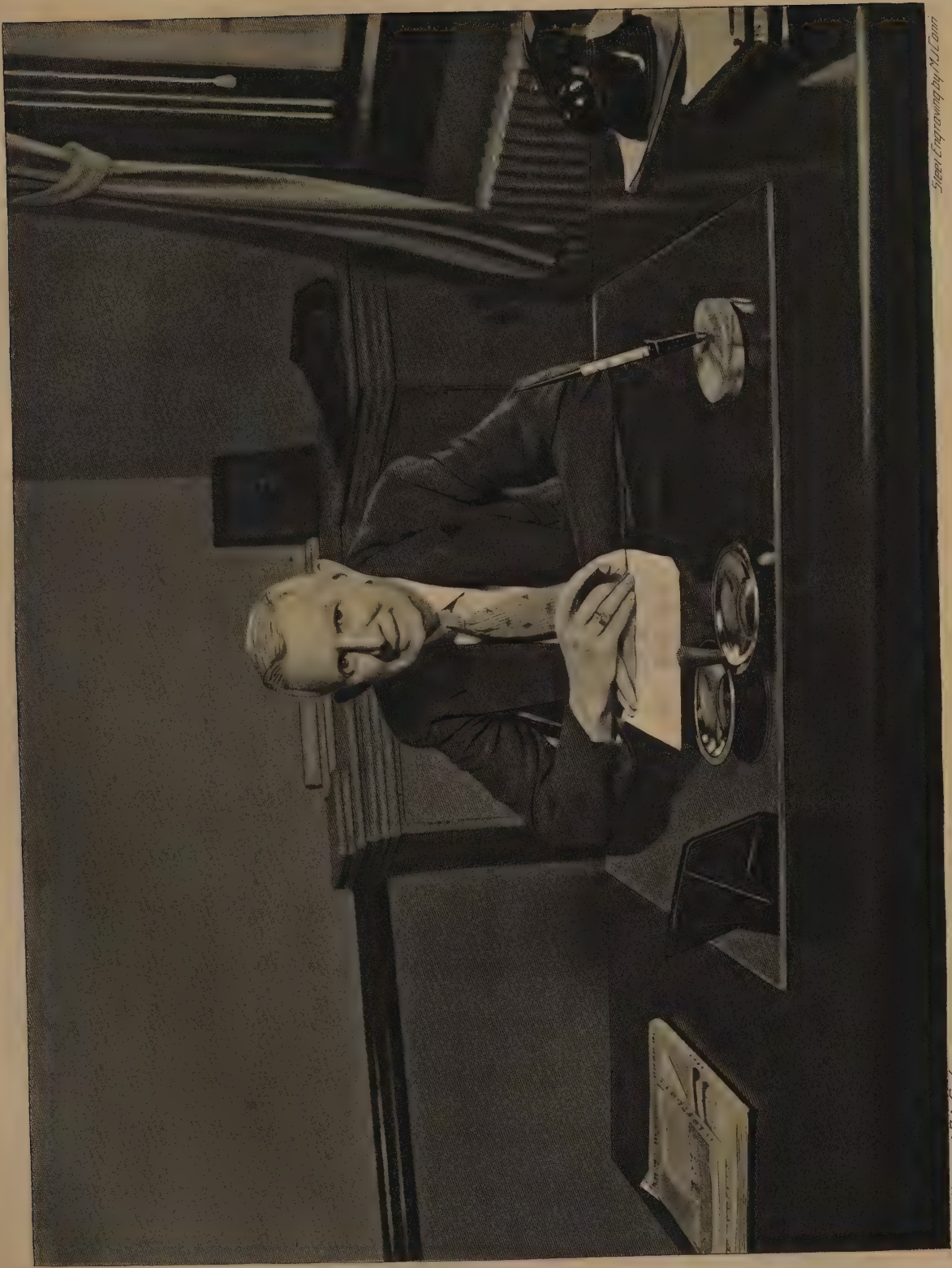




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weaving in the plant of the Estey Wire Works of Brooklyn, where his older brother, Edward F. Pink, was that year promoted to the post of foreman of the weaving department. After completing his apprenticeship, he remained with the Estey Wire Works and in 1911 he came to Cambridge to work in the newly built plant of the Estey Wire Works as a wire cloth weaver, accompanying his brother, who had been made general superintendent of the new plant. Four years later, in 1915, he was associated with his brother in organizing the Cambridge Wire Cloth Company which succeeded the Estey Wire Works in Cambridge. He became vice president of the company and served in this capacity ever since for the remainder of his career. Fraternally Mr. Pink is affiliated with Ridgewood Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Brooklyn, with the Foresters of America in Brooklyn and with the Minerva Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. He is a Methodist and a Republican.

In Brooklyn on November 27, 1907, Robert West Pink married Margaretha Sophia Sticht, the daughter of Carston and Gesina (Brede) Sticht. Robert West and Margaretha Sophia (Sticht) Pink had four children: 1. Nina Estelle Pink, born November 7, 1912. 2. Harold Emerson Pink, born September 20, 1915. 3. Clifford Reginald Pink, born August 9, 1917. 4. Margaret Isabelle (Pink) Creighton, born April 8, 1921.

**EDWARD FRANCIS PINK**—The late Edward Francis Pink, who with his brother, Robert West Pink (q. v.), founded the Cambridge Wire Cloth Company in 1915, served as its president from that time until his death on August 23, 1937. Mr. Pink had had thirty years of experience in wire cloth at the time he became president of the company, and his expert knowledge of the mesh requirements of industry soon built him an enviable position in the field. But he was not satisfied to continue along the lines inherited from Europe, where the best weaves of wire cloth were then being produced. A man of tremendous energy, he devoted himself to technical improvements and was very largely responsible for revitalizing the wire cloth industry with new weaves and new alloys that would meet and solve the special problems of American industry in its period of greatest change and development. In this he was eminently successful.

Edward Francis Pink was born February 9, 1868, in Brooklyn, New York, the son of Thomas Robert and Mary Ann (Roberts) Pink. His father was a carpenter, bricklayer, and stone-mason. Educated in the public schools of Brooklyn, he served thereafter as an apprentice in the weaving of wire fabrics, being associated from 1879 to 1884 with Howard & Morse of Brooklyn. After the five-year period was over, he remained with Messrs. Howard & Morse as a weaver of wire fabrics until 1886. In October, 1886, he left to become a weaver for the newly organized firm of Estey Wire Works, which had just set up in business in Brooklyn. In 1892 Mr. Pink was promoted to the post of foreman of the Estey Wire Works weaving department. In 1904 he became assistant plant superintendent, and in 1911 he was made general superintendent of the new plant of the Estey Wire Works in Cambridge.

In 1915, four years after moving to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Mr. Pink, with Robert W. Pink, organized the Cambridge Wire Cloth Company, with the following officers: Edward F. Pink, president; Robert W. Pink, vice president; A. B. Carle, secretary

and treasurer. Edward F. Pink served as president of the company for twenty-two years, and set it upon the path of constant research and development that is responsible for its leading position in its field today. During the last years of Mr. Pink's life, his son Clarence Edward Pink, now president of the Cambridge Wire Cloth Company, served as secretary and treasurer and relieved his father of much of the administrative work of the concern, so that he was free to devote his time to technical developments. Edward F. Pink was a Republican and a Methodist. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Foresters of America, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

In 1890, in New York, Edward F. Pink married Carrie Mosher, the daughter of Augustus and Louise Mosher. Edward F. and Carrie (Mosher) Pink were the parents of three children: 1. Clarence Edward Pink (q.v.), born February 3, 1892. 2. Irwin Francis Pink, born December 6, 1897. 3. Mabel (Pink) Adams, born May 27, 1902. Edward F. Pink died on August 23, 1937, at the age of sixty-nine.

**THE CAMBRIDGE WIRE CLOTH COMPANY**, located at Cambridge in the heart of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, was founded in 1915, by Edward F. and Robert W. Pink to manufacture wire cloth to meet the growing needs of American industry. Three generations of the Pink family have considerably broadened the scope of this unique manufacturing enterprise, although it still holds to its basic policy of limiting its output to metal products for industrial applications. It has been responsible for numerous important developments in the wire cloth industry, and today it employs more than two hundred persons, with engineering sales offices in Baltimore, New York, Boston, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, and San Francisco. Sales are made in every state in the Union and practically every country in the world. Each year one hundred and seventy carloads of products are shipped from the plant. Since the Eastern Shore is not an industrial region, sales here are comparatively few and the people of the Eastern Shore scarcely realize the significant contribution made to American industry by the Cambridge plant.

At the time the Cambridge Wire Cloth Company was founded in 1915, Edward F. Pink, who became its president, had had thirty years of experience in the wire cloth industry, and his brother, Robert W. Pink, who was co-founder and filled the office of vice president from the time the company was organized, also had had many years of experience in the industry. Separate biographical sketches appear of the two brothers.

In 1915 they organized the Cambridge Wire Cloth Company, succeeding the Estey Wire Works. At this time and for some years afterward, England, Scotland and Germany were each producing the best product known in certain weaves of wire cloth. The founders of the Cambridge Wire Cloth Company therefore imported weaving looms from each of these countries during the early years of the company and thus were able to offer American industry the best weaves to meet all their various requirements.

As time went on, however, it became apparent that while American industry as a whole was in a state of flux and development, the wire cloth industry as inherited from Europe was "old and in a state of stagnancy." This provided the opportunity for the Cambridge Wire Cloth Company to forge ahead with new developments. In the years that followed World War

I, Edward F. Pink, "fired with the knowledge of the mesh requirements of Industrial America, and with the equipment to produce, helped revitalize the wire cloth industry with new weaves and alloys to solve the mesh problems of the world's greatest industrial empire. The developments were rapid: Monel Metal filter cloths for sugar refining, stainless steel wire cloths for filtering chemical solutions, steel cloths for screening, brass cloths for petroleum products, bronze cloths for traveling water screens, copper cloths for filtering beer, platinum cloths for catalytic agents, and pure silver cloths for extremely corrosive chemical separations."

Edward F. Pink was a man of tremendous energy and ingenuity and he devoted more and more of his time to the technical aspects of the new products. In the early twenties his son, Clarence E. Pink, became associated with the business as secretary and treasurer, to relieve his father of much of the administrative aspects of the business. He filled the post of secretary and treasurer until his father's death in 1937, when he became president of the company.

Clarence E. Pink gave much of his time to an idea of his own, the development of a flexible woven wire conveyor belt. He secured twenty-five patents on this new product within ten years, with the result that today the Cambridge Wire Cloth Company is the recognized world leader in the manufacture of these belts. The belts, constructed of metal, can be made of any metal or alloy that can be drawn into wire form. The open-mesh structure permits treatment of the product as it is being conveyed. Belts made of steel carry all types of glassware through temperature to prevent brittleness; galvanized belts wash, sort, pick, bleach, steam, dry, and package all types of food; monel metal and stainless belts handle chemicals, foods and other products containing acids; low chrome belts fire decorations on glass bottles; and high temperature alloy belts temper, anneal, solder, normalize, carburize, spheroidize, sinter and copper braze all types of metal products."

Today a third generation of the Pink family has entered the business and is contributing new ideas for broadening the scope of manufacture. A department for the fabrication of industrial metal assemblies is one of the newer developments. Among the products turned out by the company are stainless steel washing vats for foods, metal baskets, trays and crates for treating metal parts; metal slings for lifting tubing, pipe, cargoes, and the like.

**VIRGIL CALVIN TRICE**—One of the more active and influential members of his profession in Dorchester County, Virgil C. Trice has for many years conducted a practice of law in Cambridge, and has served his community creditably in a number of public offices.

Mr. Trice, who was born near Hurlock in Dorchester County, was a son of John E. and Dora (Parker) Trice, both lifelong residents of that county, and both now deceased. His father was a farmer, and Virgil Trice began his education in the public schools of Cambridge, continuing it at Charlotte Hall Military Academy. Upon making his decision to pursue a legal career, Mr. Trice had the exceptional good fortune to begin his law studies in the office of the late Emerson C. Harrington, whose brilliant career in the profession led him to the governorship of the state of Maryland. Mr. Trice began his practice of the law in 1904, and was admitted in March of 1905 to the state bar. He has remained in Cambridge since, giving that com-

munity more than forty years of unfaltering skill in legal service. He has served in a number of public offices, among them state's attorney, city attorney, and attorney for the county commissioners. He is past vice president of the Maryland Bar Association, and member of the American Bar Association as well as that of Dorchester County.

Mr. Trice has several local organizations in an official capacity. He is president and director of the National Bank of Cambridge, and has been director for many years of the Dorchester Water Company.

Giving generously of his time and means to projects benefitting the community, Mr. Trice's public spirit, as well as his professional standing have made him a highly valued citizen of Cambridge.

From 1905 until 1912, Mr. Trice served in the Maryland National Guard, as a first lieutenant in the 3rd Regiment. He is an independent in politics, and a Methodist in his religious faith.

Virgil Calvin Trice is married to the former Eva Harrison, of Dorchester County, daughter of William P. and Elizabeth Harrison. They are the parents of one daughter, Elizabeth, who is married to William Edmondson and who has one son, William Calvin.

**J. EMILE TSCHANTRE** is the third generation of his name to operate a jewelry business in Cambridge. He was born on September 30, 1905 in Cambridge, the son of Leon E. and Rosa B. (Meredith) Tschantre, his father a jeweler, and both parents natives of Cambridge.

J. Emile Tschantre attended the public schools of Cambridge. He grew up in the jewelry business, and on leaving public school was sent to the Bowman Technical School of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he learned the trades of horology, watchmaking, jewelry, and engraving. The family jewelry business had been established in Cambridge in 1876 by Mr. Tschantre's grandfather, John A. Tschantre, who had learned his trade in his native Switzerland. He came to the United States as a young man and entered the employ of a Mr. Fletcher for whom he worked for a number of years before buying him out. He conducted the business under his own name until his sons became old enough to be taken into the firm, when the name was changed to John A. Tschantre & Sons. Upon the death of the founder, the name became John A. Tschantre Sons Co.; the firm was operated under that name from 1916 to 1929. Meantime, in 1928 Mr. Tschantre's father, Leon E. Tschantre, had died, and in 1929 the business was sold in order to settle the estate. In 1939 J. Emile Tschantre opened another place of business under the name Tschantre's, which he has operated ever since. His son is learning the business and will be the fourth generation to enter it. Tschantre's handles all types of jewelry and has an extensive watch repairing business. Mr. Tschantre is an active member of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia jewelers' associations. He belongs also to the Chamber of Commerce of Cambridge and the Cambridge Lions Club. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Cambridge Lodge, Number 66, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; with all York and Scottish Rite (Thirty-second degree) Masonic bodies in Cambridge; Salisbury Consistory; and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Baltimore. He is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

He married on October 17, 1928, Mary Lou Cook of Pineville, West Virginia, and they have one son, Leon Emile, born October 31, 1929, who is a graduate of







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the local schools and of Goldey Business College and is now studying the jewelry trade and related trades in Bowman Technical School in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

**CLINTON EDMOND QUILLIN**—As president of the Salisbury Milling Company, manufacturers of flour and mixed poultry feeds, and also of the Berlin Milling Company, Clinton Edmond Quillin is active in business circles in the lower Eastern Shore region. Mr. Quillin is also vice president of Quillin-Valliant, Inc., and a director of WBOC Broadcasting Corporation. He was one of the pioneers on the Eastern Shore in the raising of broilers for market, and is a director of the Tri-State Poultry Co-operative. He is a director of the County Trust Company of Salisbury, and president of the Eastern Shore Building & Loan Association.

Born January 26, 1889, at Berlin, Clinton Edmond Quillin is the son of Samuel Massey and Amanda (Derrickson) Quillin and the grandson of Thomas N. Quillin, large landowner in the region east of Berlin where he raised cattle and sheep. In those days there was no railroad and the stock had to be driven from the Eastern Shore all the way to Philadelphia to market. Thomas N. Quillin was also a large slaveowner. His son Samuel Massey Quillin, father of Clinton Edmond Quillin, was a farmer. Mr. Quillin's mother, Amanda (Derrickson) Quillin, died when he was two years old.

Clinton Edmond Quillin attended the elementary schools and high schools of Berlin, after which he took a commercial course at Goldey Business College in Wilmington, Delaware. After leaving school he became associated with the L. L. Derrickson Banking Company of Berlin, which opened a small bank at New Church where he filled concurrently the offices of cashier, teller and janitor. He was eighteen at the time and received a salary of thirty-five dollars a month, twelve of which he paid for room and board at the New Church Hotel. After six months in this post he resigned and went to Texas to seek his fortune. There, failing to find any short cut to prosperity, he worked as a bookkeeper, a time-keeper, a coachman and at various other jobs. Finally, after spending four years in Texas, he joined a circus and toured the Southwest. His family, who had been trying to get in touch with him, finally caught up with him in Arkansas, and he then returned to Berlin and became associated with his two brothers, Jehu D. and Samuel M. Quillin, who had started the Berlin Milling Company in 1909.

In 1911, Clinton Edmond Quillin became a member of the firm and in 1916 he with his brothers organized the Berlin Milling Company of Salisbury, retaining the original name and operating the two plants as a unit, although Salisbury became the central office. The Berlin plant had suffered from a disastrous fire in 1912, the loss being about \$25,000, only part of which was covered by insurance. It was, however, rebuilt on the same location and at the same time enlarged. After the death of his two brothers, Clinton Edmond Quillin, who had been very active in the business, became its president, and he has held that office for twelve years. Meantime the business has continued to grow and prosper, but in 1945 fire again destroyed the Berlin plant to such extent that complete rebuilding was necessary. New machinery has been installed and after considerable delay in material and machine deliveries the plant is now again in

operation. Meantime, on January 1, 1948 the Berlin Milling Company disposed of all of its assets in Salisbury, and the Salisbury Milling Company was formed to make the keeping of records of the two plants simpler. Each stockholder, however, holds the same proportion of stock in both companies. The Salisbury Milling Company was incorporated as of January 1, 1948 with the following officers: Clinton Edmond Quillin, president; Benjamin P. Quillin, only son of Samuel M. Quillin, secretary and treasurer. The firm obtains wheat from Worcester, Dorchester, and Kent counties, and also from Ohio. At both plants the latest types of wheat washing and bleaching machinery are used to keep the product pure and attractive-looking. The flour is distributed from Hurlock to Ocean City and from Delmar to Cape Charles, the distribution being handled by the ten trucks of the milling company. In the old days it was common for a farmer to bring in his own wheat and corn to be exchanged for flour and cornmeal or cracked corn, but this custom is becoming somewhat rarer nowadays. Since 1937 the milling company has distributed Purina Feed, and mixed poultry feed is produced at both plants.

In addition to his responsibilities as head of the Salisbury Milling Company and Berlin Milling Company, Mr. Quillin takes a keen interest in poultry raising. He was a pioneer in broiler-raising for market in this region, and he serves as a director of the Tri-State Poultry Co-operative. He is also a director of WBOC Broadcasting Corporation, a director of the County Trust Company of Salisbury, and president of the Eastern Shore Building & Loan Association. He is vice president of Quillin-Valliant, Inc. In his religious affiliation Mr. Quillin is a Presbyterian, and a member of Wicomico Presbyterian Church.

He married at Berlin on December 31, 1912, Beulah Morris Purnell, the daughter of Franklin M. and Amelia (Jones) Purnell. Mr. and Mrs. Quillin have one daughter, Purnell Quillin, born November 5, 1918. She married George Wolf of Baltimore, and they have one child, Kay Wolf, born September 4, 1941.

**SAMUEL MASSEY QUILLIN, JR.**—Associated throughout most of his career with the milling industry, the late Samuel Massey Quillin, Jr., became best known among Eastern Shore business men as an executive of the Berlin Milling Company, of which he was one of the incorporators, and for over fifteen years manager of the Salisbury mill. Acknowledged as a leader in his field, prominent in banking and lodge affairs, Mr. Quillin completed a well-rounded career, exemplifying the best qualities in community and commercial endeavor.

Born in Berlin, Maryland, April 25, 1877, Mr. Quillin was a son of Samuel Massey, Sr., who was a farmer, and his wife Amanda (Derrickson) Quillin. He attended grade schools in Worcester County, and graduated from Buckingham High School in Berlin. Mr. Quillin's advanced training was obtained at Maryland Agricultural College (now a part of the University of Maryland at College Park), and at Washington College at Chestertown.

Early in his career, Mr. Quillin had experience in both surveying and teaching. For three years, he was Worcester County surveyor; and he taught for two years before entering the mercantile business in association with his brother, J. D. Quillin. The firm, under the designation of the Quillin Brothers, was

located in Berlin. For a time, Samuel M. Quillin, Jr., entered the mine prop and stave mill business in Berlin, but terminated this connection and in 1909 became one of the incorporators of the Berlin Milling Company, Inc., which he served from that time as secretary. Also in 1909, he became manager of the Berlin plant. In 1915 Mr. Quillin went to Salisbury, where he established another mill for the Berlin Milling Company, Inc., and this Salisbury branch he managed until his death, which occurred on March 5, 1931. Mr. Quillin was in addition a director of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Salisbury. Although he never sought political office, he loyally supported the Democratic party with his vote. He was for some years a member of the Salisbury Rotary Club. In the Masonic fraternity, Mr. Quillin was a Knight Templar, and a member of Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was past master of Evergreen Lodge No. 153 in Berlin. He attended the Wicomico Presbyterian Church in Salisbury.

In Berlin, January 8, 1907, Samuel Massey Quillin, Jr., married Marie Alexine Pitts, daughter of Dr. John William and Charlotte Anne Pitts. Mr. and Mrs. Quillin were the parents of two children: 1. Benjamin Pitts, born February 2, 1908. 2. Charlotte Josephine, born November 26, 1909.

Mr. Quillin died March 5, 1931, and was interred in Buckingham Cemetery in Berlin. The course of his life, both as business man and as citizen, was motivated by conscientiousness, ability, and high purpose, and all who knew him noted with regret his passing.

**BENJAMIN PITTS QUILLIN** is secretary and treasurer of the Salisbury Milling Company, which was incorporated on January 1, 1948, when the Berlin Milling Company sold all its assets in Salisbury in order to form a new company to facilitate the keeping of records. Since leaving college Mr. Quillin had been associated with the Berlin Milling Company, which had been started by his father and uncle in 1908 and of which another uncle, Clinton Edmond Quillin, has been president in recent years. Mr. Quillin is still connected with this concern.

He was born February 2, 1908, at Berlin, the son of Samuel M., Jr., and Marie A. (Pitts) Quillin, his father being one of the organizers of the Berlin Milling Company and treasurer of the firm until his death, in March, 1931, at Salisbury, Maryland. A separate sketch of him precedes.

Benjamin Pitts Quillin left Berlin Maryland, in 1916, and completed his secondary education in the high school of Salisbury, and at Augusta Military Academy, Fort Defiance, Virginia, after which he studied at William and Mary College. He also took a business course at Goldey Business College in Wilmington, Delaware. He then began work in the Salisbury plant of the Berlin Milling Company, manufacturers of flour and mixed poultry feeds, serving as superintendent of the mill at Salisbury. The company distributes its flour and other products throughout the Eastern Shore. In recent years, activities have been centered at Salisbury, but the Berlin plant was also important, and after it was largely destroyed by fire in 1945, it was completely rebuilt and equipped with the latest machinery. On January 1, 1948 the Salisbury Milling Company was incorporated, and Benjamin Pitts Quillin became secretary and treasurer of the new company, which was organized to

carry on the business of the Salisbury plant. Mr. Quillin is a member and past president of the Salisbury Lions Club, and a member and past commander of the Salisbury Power Squadron. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church.

He married on August 28, 1931, at Pocomoke City, Marie Ellis Hill, of Laurel, Delaware, a daughter of Edgar and Margaret (Ellis) Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Quillin are the parents of two children: 1. Samuel M. Quillin, III, born February 15, 1933. 2. Edgar C. Quillin, born December 21, 1935. Both children were born in Salisbury.

**E. BOWEN QUILLIN**—An executive of the Berlin Milling Company, E. Bowen Quillin had ample experience in banking and brokerage before coming with this firm, of which his father was a co-founder. Since his return to the Eastern Shore, Mr. Quillin has become prominent in both business and civic circles in Salisbury and Berlin, where his varied commercial experience is highly valued.

Born in Berlin, January 18, 1905, Mr. Quillin is the son of Jehu Derrickson and Bertie Aydelotte (Bowen) Quillin, his father having been one of the founders of the Berlin Milling Company of Berlin and Salisbury. The history of this firm we shall consider later. Jehu Derrickson Quillin was born in Berlin, in 1875. He was educated in the public schools there, and entered the mercantile business, the lumber business and later the garage business, all in Berlin. Prior to establishing the Berlin Milling Company, he was one of the original directors of the Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company of Berlin. He married Bertie A. Bowen, daughter of Ara P. Bowen of Newark, and they had four children: Macon (Quillin) Chandler; E. Bowen Quillin; J. Derrickson Quillin, Jr.; and Constance (Quillin) Kelly.

E. Bowen Quillin attended the public school of Berlin and the Buckingham High School in the same city. He then entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics in 1926. On completing his education, he became associated with the Chase National Bank of New York City, as a credit investigator, and after working there for some time resigned his position and became an assistant manager of a branch of the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company, also of New York City. He later went with Tucker and Anthony, stock brokers, with offices at 120 Broadway in New York. Severing his connection with this firm in 1939, Mr. Quillin returned to his native locality, where he became associated with the Berlin Milling Company as its secretary-treasurer. He also is a director of the Salisbury Milling Company.

The Berlin Milling Company was founded in 1909 by Samuel M. and Jehu D. Quillin. It was named for the town where the original plant was established, and where the Quillin Brothers lived. The following year a third brother, Clinton E. joined the firm. A sketch of him is to be found elsewhere in this volume. Samuel M. Quillin served as treasurer until his death in 1931, and Jehu D. Quillin was its president until four years later when he too died. At present O. Sheldon Chandler is president. The firm has grown steadily since its founding in 1909, despite the setback of two severe fires. The second of these, which struck in 1945, necessitated complete rebuilding and re-equipping. The firm is now in full production, and is again manufacturing its quality line of mixed poultry feeds. Another product of the firm is Ber-

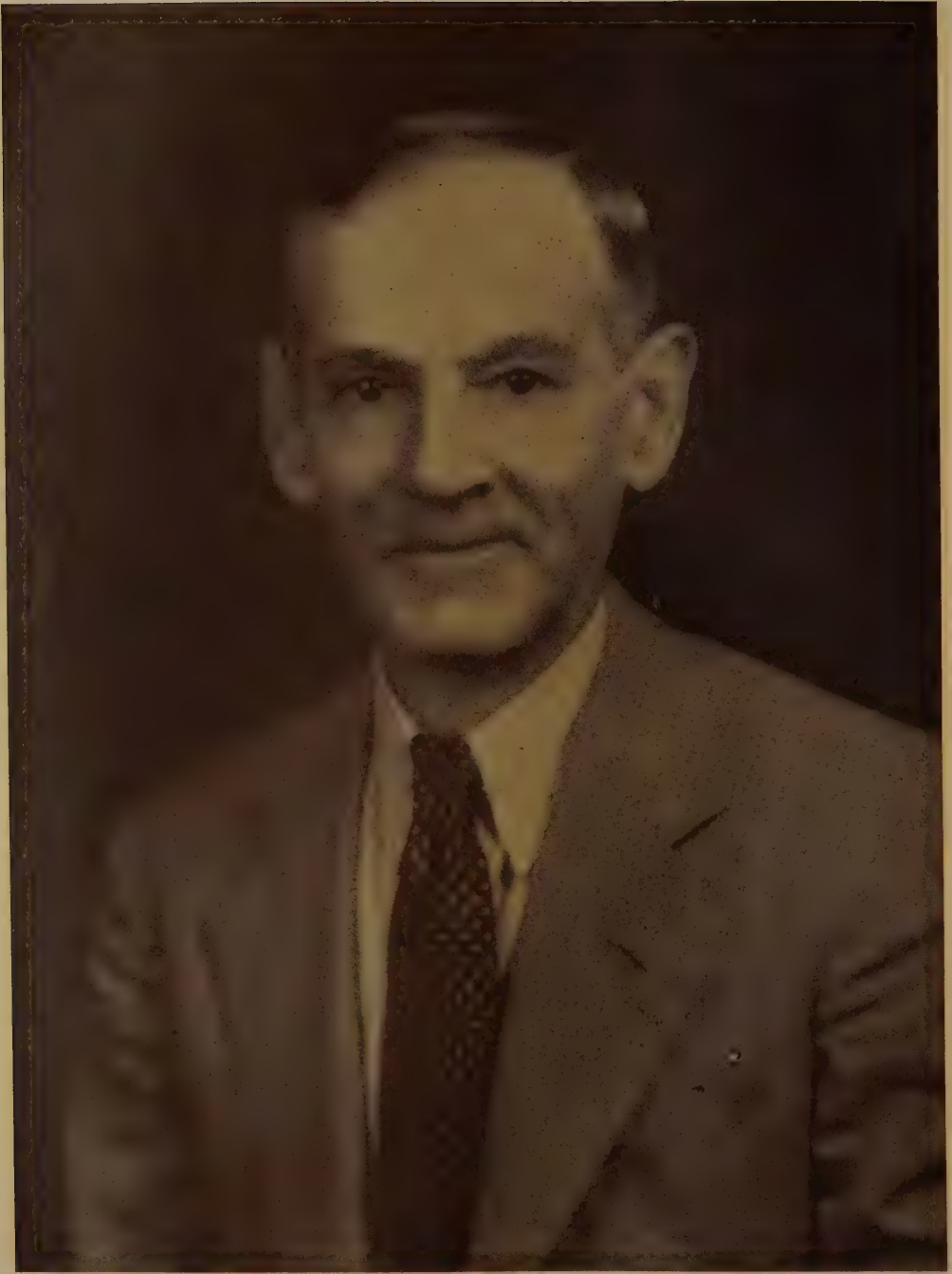






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lin's Best Flour. The Salisbury plant, now known as the Salisbury Milling Company, Inc., produces the flour for both mills.

As of January 1, 1948, the Salisbury Milling Company was formed, thus keeping distinct the operations of the two plants. Of this newly formed organization, E. Bowen Quillin is a director.

The interests of both plants are of more than local importance. They obtain wheat not only from the production of local Worcester, Dorchester and Kent counties, but from Ohio. The latest and most efficient equipment is used in the processes of milling, washing and bleaching. The final product is widely distributed—"from Delmar to Cape Charles and from Hurlock to Ocean City"—chiefly through the medium of the firm's own trucks.

E. Bowen Quillin, who is a Democrat in his political affiliations, serves as president of the city council of Berlin. He is also a director of the Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company of that city. He belongs to the Lions Club of Berlin, and is commander of the American Legion post. Mr. Quillin's interest in this veterans' organization is associated with his own creditable record of service in the United States Navy in World War II. Holding the rank of lieutenant commander, he served in the Pacific Theater, was on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. "Hancock," was in action at Leyte Gulf, and the Philippines, participated in the landings on Luzon, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He remains on the Navy's rolls on inactive duty.

Mr. Quillin's family attends the Methodist Church of Berlin.

At St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City, on October 12, 1934, E. Bowen Quillin married Frances Dana Hyde of New York, daughter of Frank Dana Hyde, a railroad construction engineer, and Ada E. (Thomas) Hyde.

**JAMES RICHARD PHILLIPS, JR.**, is a man of varied interests and abilities, as was his father. He has spent much of his life in the building up of a prosperous canning business, which is now operated by his sons. But he has been scarcely less active in road construction business on the Eastern Shore, has been prominent in banking and business circles, and has given invaluable service to the organizations of which he is or has been a member.

His father, Dr. James Richard Phillips, Master of Arts, Doctor of Medicine, was, although a practicing physician for many years, also interested in the pursuits of canning and of road construction, and a consideration of his life, and of his antecedents, at this point, lends relevance to our consideration of his son's career. Dr. James Richard Phillips was born in Dorchester County in 1844, son of James R. and Elizabeth (Smith) Phillips. His father died in middle life, leaving a valuable estate. In his family there were five children, of whom Susan and Sarah died in childhood, Elizabeth married the Honorable Algernon S. Percy of Dorchester County, and Mary Virginia became the wife of William James Payne, also of Dorchester County. The maternal grandfather was Levin Smith. The paternal grandfather was Richard Phillips who was born in Dorchester County in 1782 and spent his entire life as a resident of that county. He was twice married, first to Elenor Jones (the paternal grandmother of Dr. James Richard Phillips), and, second to Elizabeth Percy. By his second wife he had one child, Sarah Ann, who married William Percy, by which marriage there was one child, Sarah E., who

married Dr. James Richard Phillips. Richard Phillips (1782-1830) was a son of Edward Phillips who emigrated from England in 1772 (of the family of Phillips of Picton Castle, County of Pembroke, Wales) and settled in Dorchester County. Edward married Rhodie Huffington and had a family of six children: Samuel, John, Edward, Richard (of whom above), Sarah and Annie.

Dr. James Richard Phillips obtained his higher education at Princeton College, graduating with the class of 1867, then entered the medical department of the University of Maryland from which he graduated in 1869. Immediately thereafter marrying Sarah E. Percy, he established a home in East New Market, where he remained for some time before moving to Preston, which was the scene of most of his professional career. He resided for a time in Laurel, Prince Georges County, from 1878 to 1884, but in the latter year he returned to Preston, in which place he soon became a leading physician. He was a Mason and a member of the Democratic party. He had six children: Mary P., who married S. Elbert Douglas; Elizabeth; Nellie, who married Nelson H. Fooks; and James Richard, Jr., of the present sketch. Two others died: W. Percy at the age of fourteen, and Agatha H. in childhood. Dr. Phillips retired from the practice of medicine in 1904 and from business in 1919.

James Richard Phillips, Jr., son of Dr. James Richard Phillips and Sarah E. (Percy) Phillips, was born at Laurel, March 23, 1883. He was educated in the public schools of Caroline County and the Episcopal High School of Alexandria, Virginia, then entered Bryant and Stratton Business College in Baltimore, where he graduated in 1903. After completing his education he became associated with his father in the canning business in Dorchester County. In 1906 he formed a partnership with Levin E. Dirickson, operating a successful canning business at Berlin, Maryland. Six years later he sold his interest in the business. However, in 1915, when this plant burned down, Mr. Phillips bought the site and erected the present plant the subsequent year. In 1930 he enlarged it and added equipment to take care of peas and lima beans. In 1946 he sold the canning business, which is now operated by his three sons under the name of J. Richard Phillips, Jr., and Sons, Incorporated. At the present time Robert W. Phillips is president, Edward P. Phillips vice president and William P. Phillips secretary and treasurer.

Interest in the road construction business dates from 1909, when Mr. Phillips entered it in association with his father under the name of the Caroline Construction Company. Later the business was incorporated, the name being changed to the Chesapeake Construction Company, Incorporated. The corporation was the result of a consolidation of three construction companies. In 1919 Mr. Phillips bought the business and was its sole owner and manager for a number of years, doing an extensive construction business. In 1926 he retired from road construction, devoting his entire time to canning and other business interests.

His retirement from all active business took place in 1947, and he now spends his time during the warm months at his home in Berlin, Maryland, and in Florida during the winter.

A Democrat, Mr. Phillips has served his community as mayor and as town councilman. He has also been a member of the Democratic State Central Committee. He belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Lions Club of Berlin, and served as president of the Tri State Packers' Associa-



tion, and on the boards of directors of various corporations, and is vice president of the Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company. His church is the Protestant Episcopal, which he has served for many years as vestryman and junior warden.

At Pittsville, Maryland, on December 18, 1907, James Richard Phillips, Jr., married Audrey May Wimbrow, daughter of Robert S. and Martha Ellen (Godfrey) Wimbrow, who descended from Private Thomas Wimbrow who served in the Revolutionary War. (Mr. Phillips himself claims Revolutionary descent, through Matthew Smith, first lieutenant of Dorchester County Militia which served in that war.) Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are the parents of five children: 1. James Richard, born May 10, 1909, died August 6, 1921. 2. Robert Wimbrow, born July 23, 1911, graduated from Washington and Lee University in the class of 1932 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Immediately after graduation he became associated with his father in the canning business and was later admitted as a partner. He married Mary Thelma Bradford and they have three children: i. James Richard, born June 24, 1936. ii. Constance Bradford, born June 9, 1939. iii. Robert Wimbrow, born January 7, 1948. 3. Elizabeth Godfrey, born July 3, 1914, graduated from Hood College in the class of 1934 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She married Frederick W. Brueckmann, who served in World War II as a lieutenant colonel in the Signal Corps. Mr. and Mrs. Brueckmann became the parents of three children: i. Sarah Elizabeth, born August 3, 1940, died in infancy; ii. Jan Carroll, born August 7, 1943; iii. Mark, born October 1, 1946. 4. Edward Percy, born April 22, 1918, graduated from Lehigh University in the class of 1940 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. A captain in the 118th Ordnance Company, he served in the Pacific in World War II. He married Margaret Ann Gunby. They have two children: i. Ann Gunby, born August 19, 1946. ii. Edward Percy, born May 30, 1948. 5. William Percy, born September 22, 1920, graduated from Princeton University in the class of 1942 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He served in World War II as a lieutenant in the naval air squadron with Carrier Task Force 58. Married to Polly Lee Insley, he is the father of three children: i. Lee Richard, born March 26, 1943. ii. Susan, born June 24, 1944. iii. William Percy, born May 20, 1948.

As indicated above, Robert, Edward and William Phillips are engaged in the management, and are the principal stockholders of the canning business established by their father.

**JAMES ELBERT DOUGLAS**—Active in the canning business in the lower Eastern Shore, both in Nassawadox, Virginia, and Galestown, Maryland, James Elbert Douglas is also president of the National Bank of Northampton at Nassawadox. Mr. Douglas is president of the Business Men's Association of Nassawadox, and is otherwise extremely active in community affairs.

He was born in Preston, in Caroline County, Maryland, on August 12, 1907, the son of S. Elbert and Mary (Phillips) Douglas. His father, S. Elbert Douglas, has been in the canning and lumber business on the Eastern Shore for half a century and is still active today. As far as length of business activity is concerned, he is the oldest canner in Maryland. He was one of the organizers of the Adkins & Douglas Company of Hurlock, Maryland. Mr. Douglas's mother, Mary (Phillips) Douglas, is now deceased. His maternal uncle is J. Richard Phillips, Jr. (q.v.),

and his maternal grandfather was Dr. James R. Phillips, who was also in the canning business and in the business of road construction. Mr. Douglas's paternal grandfather, Colonel James E. Douglas, was a farmer and large property holder, and he also was a merchant and served as sheriff of Dorchester County.

James Elbert Douglas attended elementary school and high school in Caroline County. After leaving school he became associated with the Provident State Bank of Preston in the capacity of assistant cashier, a position he held for eight years until the bank was reorganized in 1933. Meantime, however, in 1930 he had formed a partnership with his brother Percy Douglas and started a canning business under the name of the Douglas Packing Company. After the reorganization of the bank, James Elbert Douglas dissolved this partnership and entered the canning business on his own account at Ellwood, in Dorchester County, starting a canning plant there to pack tomatoes and asparagus. In 1937 he branched out and contracted for tomatoes in Northampton County, Virginia, and the following year opened up a canning plant at Nassawadox, in Northampton County. He ran the two plants until 1939, when he discontinued the Ellwood plant and doubled the capacity of his plant at Nassawadox, which he still continues to operate. During the season he packs over one hundred thousand cases of tomatoes there. In 1942 he formed a partnership with his other brother, Phillips E. Douglas of Hurlock, to pack vegetables at Galestown, Maryland, under the firm name of the James E. Douglas Canning Company, and this plant has been very successful.

In 1946 Mr. Douglas with other civic-minded men organized the National Bank of Northampton at Nassawadox, and he has since filled the office of president of this bank. He is a trustee of the Northampton-Accomac Memorial Hospital, and gives a great deal of attention to its affairs, serving as treasurer, chairman of the budget committee, and as a member of the executive committee. He is president of the Business Men's Association of Nassawadox. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and in his political affiliation is a Democrat, although he has never sought public office.

He married at Salisbury on August 26, 1932, Emily Fatherly, the daughter of George J. and Margaret N. (Dunton) Fatherly of Weirwood, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas have two children: James E. Douglas, Jr., born October 1, 1933; and Emily Jane Douglas, born April 18, 1935.

**LOUIS GRANDIN LLEWELYN, M.D.**—A leading physician of Pocomoke City, Dr. Louis Grandin Llewelyn has given valuable medical services to the state of Maryland and the United States Navy. His outstanding work reflects much credit on him and has earned for him a sterling reputation.

Louis Llewelyn was born September 9, 1906, at Baltimore, Maryland, son of Louis T. and Annette (Shorey) Llewelyn. His father, a native of Newport, Kentucky, was a printer by occupation and in politics a Democrat.

Louis Grandin Llewelyn received his early education in the public schools of his native city. He attended high school, and, in 1925, was graduated from City College. He then entered Johns Hopkins University, and four years later, in 1929, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at that institution. After







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completing his undergraduate training, he matriculated at the University of Maryland Medical School, and was graduated in 1935, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He served his internship at St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore.

In June, 1935, Dr. Llewelyn was admitted to practice, and began a one-year period of medical practice in Baltimore. In 1937 he decided to give his services to the United States Navy and joined its ranks with the commission of lieutenant, junior grade. After two years in the Navy, he joined the Maryland State Department of Health and was stationed in Worcester County. While with the state Board of Health, he was responsible for many improvements in the state system and rendered valuable aid in carrying into effect these medical improvements. During the year 1945 he resided at Seattle, Washington, where he carried on a successful practice. In the following year he returned to Maryland and opened offices at Pocomoke City, where he began a remarkably successful private practice. This medical work has continued since then, and today Dr. Llewelyn is established as one of the leading authorities in the medical field in Pocomoke City.

Dr. Llewelyn, in addition to his practice of medicine, plays an important role in many phases of community life. Professionally, he is a member of the American Medical Association and the Worcester County Medical Society. He holds memberships in the Rotary Club and the Winter Quarters Country Club. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity. In political preference he adheres to the Democratic party, and in religious faith is an Episcopalian.

On June 18, 1937, at Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Louis Grandin Llewelyn married Dr. Helen R. Ensor, daughter of Dr. Charles B. and Fannie (Bennett) Ensor. Both her parents were born in Baltimore County, Maryland. Dr. and Mrs. Llewelyn became the parents of the following children: 1. Douglas, who was born at Baltimore, November 27, 1938. 2. Deborah, born in Virginia, September 1, 1947.

**PUTNAM WARREN DRYDEN**—For more than thirty years a prominent chicken farmer of Snow Hill, Putnam Warren Dryden has done much to develop his business into a leading one in the community. His thorough knowledge and valuable experience have gained for him a good reputation among his associates and he merits the esteem of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Dryden was born August 13, 1873, in Worcester County, Maryland, son of George J. and Kathryn (Jones) Dryden. His father was engaged in farming operations, in politics was a Democrat, and served three terms as county commissioner of Worcester County.

Putnam Dryden attended the Worcester County public schools, and later studied at the Goldey Business College at Wilmington, Delaware.

After completing his formal training, Mr. Dryden became engaged in farming near Snow Hill in Worcester County on a farm consisting of one hundred and nine acres. He continued in general farming until February, 1918, at which time he established his chicken business known as Dryden's Hatcheries. Throughout the years Mr. Dryden has built up this enterprise until it has gained the yearly production schedule of six hundred and sixty thousand chicks, and today is one of the outstanding hatcheries on the

Eastern Shore. He is the president of the firm. Mary S. Dryden serves as vice president, Matilda D. Hopkins acts as general manager, and the company employs eleven people to carry out the functions of the hatchery.

In addition to this thriving enterprise, Mr. Dryden is connected with other business groups in his community. He is a member of the International Baby Chick Association, and is a charter member of the Neppco Hatchery Division of the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council. In civic affairs, he is active in the work of the Rotary Club. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious connection is a Methodist.

On February 9, 1910, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Putnam Warren Dryden married Mary S. Shockley, daughter of W. J. Shockley. Her father was born in Wicomico County, Maryland, and she is a native of Worcester County. Mr. and Mrs. Dryden became the parents of the following children: 1. Virginia, who was born in Snow Hill, Maryland, and became the wife of William T. Moore. 2. Matilda, who was also born at Snow Hill, and was married to George Hopkins, of Salisbury, Maryland; they in turn became the parents of one child, Mary Kathryn Hopkins, who was born at Salisbury.

**GEORGE EDWARD BURNETT**, in association with his brother-in-law Edmund Lewis Walton, operates a tire recapping establishment on East Main Street in Salisbury, and they also are distributors for the Seiberling automobile tire, and handle home accessories and sporting goods. Mr. Burnett was born October 11, 1910, in New York City, the son of Edwin Kenneth and Florence Alma (Erff) Burnett. His father, who saw action in France as a first lieutenant in the 29th Division of the United States Army during World War I, is managing director of the Museum of the American Indian in New York City.

After attending the elementary and high schools of Rockville Centre, New York, George Edward Burnett entered the University of Virginia, from which he graduated in 1933 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After graduating from college, he became a branch manager for the Western Union Telegraph Company in New York City. He held this post for a year and then became commercial salesman of eastern sales for the same company. After three years in this position he was eastern sales manager for Merz-Mihn, Incorporated, in New York City for two years and then eastern sales manager for Allen B. Wrisley of New York City for two years. He then became part owner in the Schwaab Confectioners in Baltimore. During World War II he joined the United States Navy and was stationed on one of the heavy destroyers, serving with the rank of a full lieutenant and seeing action at Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and with the Saipan Task Force No. 58. He was in Japan at the time of its surrender. He received his discharge in 1946, and that same year became associated with his brother-in-law Edmund Lewis Walton as distributors for the Seiberling automobile tire and handlers of home accessories and sporting goods in connection with their tire-recapping station on East Main Street in Salisbury. Mr. Burnett is a member of the Salisbury Lions Club, and he and his family attend St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Salisbury.

He married in Salisbury on June 23, 1934, Mary Katherine White, the daughter of S. King and Iris



(Tull) White, her father being editor of the "Salisbury Advertiser." Mr. and Mrs. Burnett have two children: 1. Kenneth King Burnett, born May 23, 1935. 2. George E. Burnett, born May 20, 1940.

**EDMUND LEWIS WALTON**—In association with his brother-in-law George E. Burnett, Edmund Lewis Walton has been since 1946 operated a tire-recapping service in Salisbury in connection with the agency for the Seiberling automobile tire, for which they are distributors. They also handle home accessories and sporting goods. During World War II Mr. Walton worked for several years as a naval architect, this being the profession for which he had prepared himself at Temple University.

He was born January 31, 1901, in Philadelphia, the son of Lewis Willett and Annie (Carlett) Walton. His father was engaged in the rug manufacturing business in Philadelphia. Edmund Lewis Walton attended elementary and high schools in Philadelphia. He then became a student at Temple University, where he studied naval architecture, and he also studied fine arts at Drexel Institute, in Philadelphia. His first position after completing his education was as a salesman for the Reynolds Tobacco Company, and after serving in this capacity for some time he became a salesman for the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, covering territory in northern Virginia. When World War II broke out, he resigned and went to work in the Navy Yard as a naval architect, working there for four years. In 1946 he and his brother-in-law George E. Burnett opened a place on East Main Street in Salisbury, where they recap tires, serve as distributors for the Seiberling automobile tire and handle home accessories and sporting goods. Mr. Walton is a member of the Salisbury Lodge, No. 817, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends the Episcopal Church.

He married at Salisbury on June 29, 1935, Iris Tull White, the daughter of S. King and Iris (Tull) White, her father being editor of the "Salisbury Advertiser." Mr. and Mrs. Walton have two children: 1. Edmund Lewis Walton, Jr., born September 4, 1936. 2. Mary Valentine Walton, born February 11, 1939.

**THEODORE EISWALD FLETCHER**, one of Maryland's outstanding business leaders, a native of the Eastern Shore, was born in Preston, Caroline County, Maryland, June 23, 1895.

His father, Jeremiah B. Fletcher, was a native of Dorchester County, Maryland, moving to Preston in his early years and there establishing himself as a merchant, orchardist and agriculturist. He served his community several times as postmaster and as justice of the peace.

His mother, Sarah Varnes Fletcher, was a native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, moving to Dorchester County, Maryland, early in her life. She was prominent in the community activities, and an active member of Bethesda Methodist Church in Preston, which as "Frazier's Chapel" was the beginning of Preston.

Theodore E. Fletcher is a graduate of Preston High School and Goldey Business College of Wilmington.

In 1914 he became bookkeeper in the firm of Albert W. Sisk & Son, canned food brokers, and canners factors. In 1924 he was admitted to the firm as one of three partners. The rapid growth of the firm under Mr. Fletcher's leadership required the opening of a

branch office in Aberdeen, Maryland. This firm has grown to be the leader in its field, and stands today as the world's largest distributor of eastern canned foods. The business is unique in that they are today the only firm in the United States operating as factors of canners.

In 1932 he organized and served as president of the Preston Trucking Company, Inc., now a certified Interstate Commerce Commission freight line, having terminals in Preston, Baltimore, and Salisbury, Maryland, Norfolk and Richmond, Virginia, Philadelphia, and New York City.

The Ocean Downs Racing Association, a newly formed corporation, named Mr. Fletcher its first president. The seven hundred thousand dollar track near Ocean City, Maryland, for night harness racing, was opened during the summer of 1949.

Mr. Fletcher operates three large farms in Caroline and Queen Annes counties, and is highly respected as one of Maryland's leading dairymen.

He is a member of Preston Lodge Number 207, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is an independent Democrat and a Methodist. His sporting activities consist mostly of fishing and hunting.

Mr. Fletcher has been twice married. To his first marriage in 1916, to Ola Moore of Cambridge, Maryland, two sons were born: Theodore E., Jr., and William Harold. Mrs. Fletcher passed away in 1943. The eldest son, Theodore E., Jr., was graduated from the Preston High School, and Staunton Military Academy. After three years at the University of Maryland, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in World War II, and was discharged as a captain, after serving four years in the States, and overseas. William Harold attended Preston school and is now a student at Staunton Military Academy. In October, 1946, Mr. Fletcher married Myrtle Headley of Virginia.

A distinguished person, with a fine personality, he is known throughout the country and the food industry as an outstanding executive, a man of ideas, and a leader of men. One of Preston's most civic minded citizens, Mr. Fletcher's generosity to worthy church, civic and charitable organizations is emblematic of his kind attitude toward people and his enthusiastic outlook on life.

**REV. GEORGE EDMUND STERLING**—Since 1939 pastor of the Methodist Church at Snow Hill, and for many years prominently associated with religious institutions throughout Maryland, Delaware and Virginia, Reverend George Edmund Sterling has done much to further the religious growth of this section of the country. His kindly benevolence and patient manner have endeared him to congregations wherever he has served, and he has gained the respect and esteem of many personal friends.

George Sterling was born January 19, 1890, at Chance, Somerset County, son of George R. and Elizabeth (Gladding) Sterling. His father, a native of Crisfield, gained the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy at Dickinson College. He also taught school and served as deputy clerk of the Circuit Court of Somerset County. On the paternal side of the family, an early member had settled in Somerset County about 1630. Elizabeth (Gladding) Sterling, mother of George Edmund Sterling, was born at Chance.

George Edmund Sterling received his early education in the public schools of Princess Anne, Maryland, and was graduated from high school there. By 1910

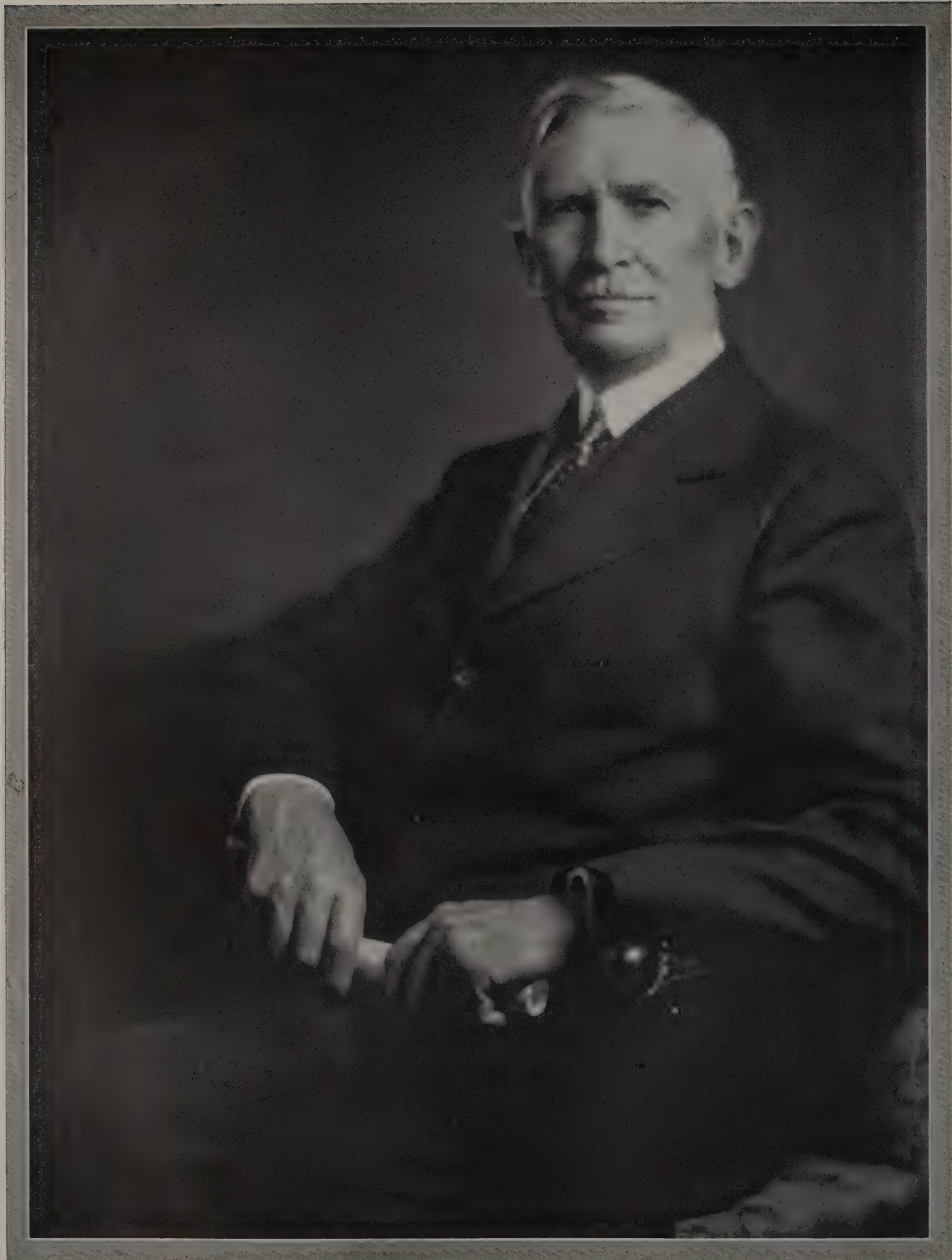


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MARY G. (JOHNSON) HARRINGTON





he had completed his theological training at Dover, Delaware. Two years later, in 1912, he was ordained at Berlin, Maryland, and became pastor of the church at Pittsville, Maryland. A year later he went to Bishopville, and from there to Marion, in 1915. Two years later he moved to Ocean View, Delaware, where he remained for several years. In 1920 he returned to the State of Maryland, settling at Fairmount. The following year, he moved to Galena, where he served as pastor for a period of four years. Once again he left the state to venture into Delaware, this time to Bridgeville, where he remained until 1928. The following four years found him serving the congregation of the Cookman Church at Wilmington, Delaware. In 1933 Rev. Sterling moved to Virginia, where he served the community at Phoebus as pastor for nearly seven years. In 1939 he returned to the state of Maryland and came to Snow Hill. Here he has faithfully served a grateful congregation since as pastor of the Methodist Church. His inspirational sermons and excellent religious instinct combined with abundant knowledge gained over a period of many years have served as a bulwark for this community against spiritual hunger and depravity.

Reverend George Sterling is active in the lay life of his community as a respected member and president of the Rotary Club. In political preference he is a Democrat.

On March 13, 1912, at New York City, Reverend George Edmund Sterling married Carolyn Bendler, daughter of Charles F. and Emma (Lockerman) Bendler. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Marguerite, who was born in Pittsville, Maryland. 2. George Rodman, born at Bishopville.

**MARK CURTIS CALLAHAN, JR.**, a leading young business man of Pocomoke City, is contributing much toward the development of the merchandising aspect of the automotive and automotive equipment industries. His alert, progressive outlook and thorough business integrity have merited the esteem of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Callahan was born January 23, 1922, at Pocomoke City, son of Mark Curtis Callahan, Sr., and Roberta (Moore) Callahan. The elder Mr. Callahan was born February 15, 1898, at Pocomoke, is associated with the Scher's Department Store in this city, and in politics is a Republican. Roberta (Moore) Callahan, mother of Mark Callahan, Jr., was born February 10, 1901, at Crisfield.

Mark Curtis Callahan, Jr., attended the public schools of his native town, and was graduated from high school there in 1938. After completing his formal training, Mr. Callahan became associated with the Montgomery Ward Company branch at Pocomoke City as a department head. In the following year, 1939, he joined the firm of Wharton and Barnard, a concern which specializes in jobbing of parts and shop equipment for the automotive industry. For three years he remained with this firm, gaining much valuable knowledge and experience.

In November, 1943, Mr. Callahan interrupted his promising career to enlist in the United States Army. He served in Company C of the 263rd Engineer Combat Battalion of the 63rd Infantry Division in France and Germany. He saw action in the Rhineland and Southern France, and gained the rank of staff sergeant. He was honorably discharged from the service November 24, 1946.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Callahan returned to his position with Wharton and Barnard as

manager of the Pocomoke store, where he continued to serve with efficiency. He has remained as manager of the company's branch here since, demonstrating unusual ability and devotion to duty.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Callahan is active in the life of his community. He acts as president of the Pocomoke Business Men's Association, and is commander of Worcester Post No. 93 of the American Legion. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious affiliation he adheres to the Presbyterian faith.

On June 29, 1941, at Pocomoke City, Mark Curtis Callahan, Jr., married Mary Elizabeth Walters, daughter of William H. Walters, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth (McDaniel) Walters. Mr. and Mrs. Callahan became the parents of one daughter, Cheryl Christine Callahan, who was born April 13, 1945, at Baltimore.

**EMERSON C. HARRINGTON, JR.**—One of the well-known lawyers of the Eastern Shore is Emerson C. Harrington, Jr., who has been practicing his profession in Cambridge since 1918. For many years he was associated with his father, the late Ex-Governor Emerson C. Harrington, considered one of the outstanding trial lawyers in the state, and since the latter's death in 1945, has continued to practice under the old firm name of Harrington & Harrington. Mr. Harrington is extremely active in community affairs and has the reputation of being always willing to give time and energy to worth-while projects.

He was born August 19, 1894, in Dorchester County, the son of Emerson C. and Mary Gertrude (Johnson) Harrington. His father, who was Maryland's Governor during World War I, was also one of the outstanding lawyers of the state. He was born at Madison, in Dorchester County, on March 26, 1864, the son of John E. and Annie A. (Thompson) Harrington. John E. Harrington was a well-known farmer and merchant of the Madison district, where the Harrington family had lived for several generations. Emerson C. Harrington, Sr., attended the local country school and then took a job as clerk in a store in Madison. While working as a clerk he won a college scholarship by competitive examination, and he then became a student at St. John's College in Annapolis, from which he graduated in 1884. After graduation he remained at St. John's College for two years as a teacher of Latin and Mathematics. He then accepted the post of principal of Cambridge Seminary and Cambridge Academy on his native Eastern Shore, and while serving as head of these two schools, which were consolidated into the Cambridge High School not long after he took over, he used his spare time to advantage by studying law. He was admitted to the Maryland bar in 1896 and the same year formed a law partnership with the late W. Irving Mace, continuing, however, to serve as principal of the Cambridge High School until 1898.

Governor Harrington's first political office was that of state's attorney for Dorchester County. He was appointed to the post of state insurance commissioner by the Bureau of Public Works in 1910, and two years later was elected state comptroller on the Democratic ticket, serving under a Republican administration. By this time he was considered to be the undisputed leader of the Dorchester County Democratic organization. In 1915 he received the Democratic nomination for Governor and defeated Republican candidate Ovington E. Weller in the campaign. During World War I he coined the "Work or fight"

slogan, which was implemented by the enactment of a compulsory labor law by the General Assembly, compelling able-bodied men in Maryland to perform some useful service if between the ages of eighteen and fifty, regardless of their wealth or standing in the community. Other achievements during his term as Governor included the institution of the executive budget, the adoption of the state parole system, creation of the state law department, the formation of the Conservation Commission, and the organization of the Annapolis-Claiborne ferry system, linking Maryland's Eastern and Western shores with the highway system. After he retired as Governor, he served for some time as president of the Claiborne-Annapolis Ferry Company, which later named a ferry boat for him. He also became president of the People's Loan, Savings & Deposit Bank of Cambridge at the time of its organization. He continued the practice of law, in association with his son Emerson C. Harrington, Jr. The Governor was a member of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, and fraternally was affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being a life member of Cambridge Lodge. His hobby was "all kinds of honest sports" and he took keen pleasure in hunting and in games as diverse as billiards and baseball. He married on June 27, 1893, Mary Gertrude Johnson of Cambridge, and they were the parents of three children: Emerson C. Harrington, Jr., Mrs. Reginald Truitt of Solomons and William L. Harrington. Governor Harrington lived to the ripe old age of eighty-one. He died in 1945. Mrs. Harrington died April 8, 1948.

Emerson C. Harrington, Jr., attended his father's alma mater, St. John's College in Annapolis in class of 1916. He then entered the University of Maryland Law School and was a student there from 1916 to 1917, when he entered military service. On April 8, 1917, the same month that the United States entered World War I, he enlisted as a private in the infantry and later was appointed a second lieutenant in Company C., 115th Regiment of the Twenty-ninth Division of the United States Army. Later he was attached as an aide to the staff of General William Wilson of the 60th Pioneer Regiment. After being discharged for physical disability incurred in line of duty, in November, 1918, he took the bar examinations and was admitted to the Maryland bar that same year. He entered his father's law office and was associated with him until Governor Harrington's death in December, 1945. They operated under the firm name of Harrington & Harrington, a firm name that is still retained today.

Emerson C. Harrington, Jr., has served in a number of public offices. He was city solicitor for eight years, and attorney for the county commissioners for four years. In 1939 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. He was appointed by Governor O'Connor a member of the State Tax Commission and served from June 2, 1943 to June 1, 1947. From 1934 up to the present time Mr. Harrington has served as attorney and a director of the People's Loan, Savings & Deposit Bank of Cambridge, and he is now also a vice president. He is a member and past president of the Cambridge Rotary Club, and a member of the Cambridge Yacht Club, Cambridge Country Club, and Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, and an honorary member of Rescue Fire Company. He is a member and past commander of American Legion Post Number 91, and fraternally, is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also

a member of the Maryland Club in Baltimore, the Maryland Historical Society, and the Sons of American Revolution. He is a communicant of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church.

He married, on April 28, 1917 Winifred Davis, a native of Dorchester County and the daughter of Edward and Emma (Wrightson) Davis, both born in Dorchester County. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington have two children: 1. Winifred, a graduate of the local schools and Holton Arms School, who married Edward H. Nabb on December 5, 1947. 2. Anne Twiford, now a student in the local schools.

**WILLIAM SIDNEY STEVENS** is the son of A. Hartley and Stella Virginia (Adkins) Stevens. His mother was a native of Salisbury, and his father of Pocomoke.

After receiving his education in the grade and high school at Pocomoke, William Sidney Stevens worked with his father in the ice cream plant which the father had founded in 1907. Since the death of the older man, he has continued to operate this concern under the name of the Stevens Ice Cream Company, selling their products over the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula. The company is owned by the Stevens family of Pocomoke City.

Mr. Stevens is a member of the Rotary Club of Pocomoke City, the Winter Quarters Country Club, and is a Democrat in politics. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

At Pocomoke City, on May 27, 1918, William Sidney Stevens married Sue A. Redden, daughter of Stephen and Esther (Angelo) Redden, both natives of Pocomoke City.

**ALEXANDER HARTLEY STEVENS**—For many years a prominent citizen of Pocomoke City, Alexander Hartley Stevens was widely known for his work in the development of ice cream manufacture in this region. His integrity and good judgment earned for him a sterling reputation and he gained the respect and esteem of a host of close personal friends.

Mr. Stevens was born October 13, 1865, at Pocomoke City, son of Alpheus Sidney and Mary Ellen (Truitt) Stevens. His father was the first resident lawyer in Pocomoke City. Alexander Stevens received his formal education in the public schools of his home town of Pocomoke City. After completing his academic training, Mr. Stevens entered the business world as the owner and operator of a retail dry goods store in Pocomoke City, later becoming associated in the ice cream manufacturing industry, where he held important positions of responsibility for a long period of years. In addition to his other business and professional interests, he was prominently affiliated with the Pocomoke City National Bank. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, and in religious faith he adhered to the Presbyterian Church.

At Pocomoke City, May 16, 1889, Alexander Hartley Stevens married Stella Virginia Adkins, daughter of Robert H. and Kate (Savage) Adkins, both parents being born on the Eastern Shore. Her father was a native of Salisbury, and her mother of Accomac County, Virginia. Alexander Hartley and Stella Virginia (Adkins) Stevens became the parents of the following children: 1. W. Sidney. 2. Marion. 3. John H. 4. Katharine Adkins. 5. Rosemary. 6. A. Hartley, Jr.

The death of Alexander Hartley Stevens occurred December 12, 1937. His passing was a cause of deep







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regret among the members of his community. His loss was felt by his many friends and associates who had come to look upon him as a benevolent advisor and confidant.

**OLIVER GRYMES**, a man of cosmopolitan interests and a world traveller, chose the Eastern Shore when the time came to select a permanent residence. There he has built, sold and restored homes of distinction, engaged in some literary output, and participated in the activities of Oxford, near which town he resides.

He was born in Orange, New Jersey, November 1, 1896. A great-great-grandfather was George Mason, American Revolutionary leader. Oliver Grymes was reared in Maryland, but most of his education was acquired during a ten-year period in his youth when he was privileged to make tours throughout the world accompanying Pavlova, most celebrated of Russian ballerinas. For four years thereafter he resided in Paris, then returned to the United States, to settle on the Eastern Shore. He took an interest in the construction and restoration of fine homes, and was the builder of Deep Water Point, fashioning and perfecting it with care over a period of twenty years. This lovely and valuable estate he subsequently sold, and in the meantime had purchased Barnaby House, which he restored. It is in this home, situated near Oxford, that he now lives, although frequently making trips abroad.

Mr. Grymes has not engaged in business activities. He was co-author, with Mr. Gill, of a biography of Pavlova, which appeared under the title "The Flight of the Swan." In his youth he studied sculpture at Maryland Institute, and this has remained one of his dominant interests to the present time. He also enjoys gardening as a recreation. He is a member of Tred Avon Yacht Club, and is an Episcopalian in religious faith, attending Christ Church in Easton. Mr. Grymes is not married.

**JOHN METCALF GILL** began his career in association with the Gill Engraving Company. He soon departed from business life, however, and his influence on the Eastern Shore has been one of a cultural nature. He is the author of several well-known books, and has made one of his chief aims the restoration of certain fine old Eastern Shore homes. His own place of residence is near Oxford.

A native of New Jersey, Mr. Gill was born in Orange on August 12, 1898, son of George and Louise Barnes (Smith) Gill. His mother is now deceased. His father, who is a native of Massachusetts, is eighty-two years of age at the time of this writing. John M. Gill was educated at Newark Academy and at Taft School, both in New Jersey, and received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1920 from Yale University.

Initially interested in a business career, Mr. Gill became associated with the Gill Engraving Company, with which he remained for four years. He possessed a fine natural singing voice, however, and determining to develop this talent, went to Paris where he spent two years in vocal training. It was while there that Mr. Gill became acquainted with Mr. Oliver Grymes (q.v.). The two had many interests in common, and a lifelong friendship developed which has been productive of much valuable accomplishment. On his return to the United States, Mr. Gill became a resident of the Eastern Shore, making his home near Oxford. He

collaborated with Mr. Grymes in writing a life of the famous Russian ballerina, Pavlova, which was published under the title, "The Flight of the Swan." Since that time Mr. Gill has become the author of several books: "In His Own Country," "Poems," and "Yesterday in Festival."

Mr. Gill's versatile creative talents have also found expression in the restoration of old Eastern Shore homes, and in these projects too he has been associated with Mr. Grymes. It has been a constructive and valuable work, contributing much to the preservation of the historic beauty for which the Peninsula deserves repute.

Mr. Gill does not engage extensively in the social and business activities of Oxford, but he does enjoy membership in the Tred Avon Yacht Club. He is an avid reader, interested particularly in poetry; and writing has been to him a worth-while hobby as well as a remunerative profession.

**EDGAR TOWNSEND BENNETT**, vice president and general manager of the Red Star Line, Inc., which operates busses all over the Eastern Shore, as well as between New York and Baltimore and New York and Washington, was born in Mardela on April 20, 1905, the son of Ernest Bradley and Alice (Phillips) Bennett. His father was a carpenter.

Edgar Townsend Bennett attended the elementary and high schools in Wicomico County, and Beacom Business College in Salisbury. His first position after leaving school was as fireman for the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad. After about five years he left to enter the employ of the General Electric Company in its payroll department, and he held this post for about one year. He then gave up this position and became associated with the Red Star Bus, Inc., first as a bus driver for about a year and then in the bus office in Salisbury. In 1937 he was elected vice president of the concern. The following year, however, the bus company went into the hands of a receiver. Believing that the business could be operated successfully, Mr. Bennett, together with some local business men, bought it in and changed the name to the Red Star Line, Incorporated. Mr. Bennett became vice president and general manager of the new concern. The company has fifty-six busses and operates all over the Eastern Shore, New York to Baltimore and New York to Washington. Mr. Bennett is also a director in the Chesapeake Airways. He is active in the various bodies of the Free and Accepted Masons, being a Thirty-second degree Mason, and he is affiliated also with Salisbury Lodge, No. 818, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Salisbury Lions Club, and he worships at the Emanuel Methodist Church of Mardela Springs. He is a Republican.

He married on October 22, 1930, at Mardela, Margaret Truitt, the daughter of Joseph C. and Margaret (Calloway) Truitt, her father a merchant, trapper and farmer.

**WILLIAM GRASON WINTERBOTTOM** — From the day back in the 'eighties, when a sixteen-year-old boy started work in an oyster business at two and a half dollars per week, the story of William Grason Winterbottom's life has been an inspiring one. His long history in the business world is one which relates of initiative, determination, and exceptional grasp of a number of varied business interests. He is vice president of the Phillips Packing Company, but his name is associated not only with this organization



and its subsidiaries, but with the skillful conduct of a number of other enterprises.

Mr. Winterbottom was born September 27, 1868 at Cambridge, and was the son of Harrison T. and Mary Ellen (Plummer) Winterbottom. Harrison T. Winterbottom died when his son was eleven years old, leaving the boy with the responsibility of helping provide for his mother and six sisters. He sold newspapers and did odd jobs for a time, having to devote to such work all of his out-of-school hours. When he sought a full-time position, it was with the firm of George W. Woolford and Company (later Mace, Woolford and Company), which had dealings in the raw oyster business and also in coal and wood. At the end of a year, his work having proved satisfactory, his initial two and a half dollars a week was raised to three dollars. The work was not easy, but a partial compensation was his interest in it, and he gave it long hours each day. After seven years, he was given a one-third interest, and he remained with this firm as a partner for nine years.

During this tenure as partner in Mace, Woolford and Company, there began his profitable association with Levi B. and Colonel Albanus Phillips, and in 1902 he joined with these brothers in forming the Phillips Packing Company. An account of this company's growth, as well as a biographical sketch of Colonel Albanus Phillips, are contained in this volume. As the Phillips interests grew, Mr. Winterbottom became connected as well with the Phillips Hardware Company and the Phillips Can Company.

In 1917 Mr. Winterbottom bought the firm with which he had "grown up": Mace, Woolford and Company, and in addition purchased Mr. Woolford's interest in the firm of George W. Woolford and Company, wood, coal and lime dealers. This concern became known as Orem and Winterbottom, but Mr. Winterbottom has since disposed of these holdings.

Active to the present time in his executive capacities, Mr. Winterbottom has retained the vice presidency of the Phillips Packing Company, Phillips Hardware Company, and Phillips Can Company. He has also been variously associated with a number of other organizations. He served for some time as vice president of the Peoples Loan, Savings and Deposit Bank, and also as director and official of the Dorchester Water Company, Cambridge Ice Company, and other local concerns. He was for many years president of the Eastern Shore Land Improvement Company, and while engaged in numerous real estate activities, has dealt in some of the finest properties in the county, particularly farmlands.

Mr. Winterbottom has always done his bit in the realm of public service. He was appointed treasurer and director for Dorchester County of the Eastern Shore State Hospital, an appointment made by Governor Ritchie. A Democrat in politics, he has always been a trustworthy supporter of the party in local, state and national affairs, and his influence has been of value many times when a party victory was at issue. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention from the First Congressional District of Maryland which in 1908, at Denver, Colorado, nominated William Jennings Bryan for the presidency. He has maintained an undeviating loyalty to the party cause since those days. Mr. Winterbottom likes sports. He was a baseball player in his youth, and his enthusiastic interest in the game has not died. He is a member of the Yacht Club and Country Club of Cambridge, and serves on the Chamber of Commerce.

Fully in accord with every program and activity of benefit to the Eastern Shore and its residents, his generosity is recognized and appreciated everywhere. As regards church donations, it is a generosity which acknowledges no bounds of denomination or creed, and each church can attest to his sympathetic assistance.

On February 24, 1909, William Grason Winterbottom married Nannie Elizabeth Davis, of Salem, who died in 1944. They were the parents of three children: 1. William Grason, Jr., of whom a sketch is included. 2. Mary Elizabeth. 3. Jeanne, who married Hubert H. Wright of Cambridge.

#### WILLIAM GRASON WINTERBOTTOM, JR.—

Attaining early in life a position of leadership in industry, W. Grason Winterbottom, Jr., is vice president and director of both the Phillips Packing Company and the Phillips Hardware Company. His role in public service, in political affairs, and in club life has been an active one.

Born December 28, 1911, at Cambridge, Mr. Winterbottom is the son of William Grason and Nannie Elizabeth (Davis) Winterbottom. A sketch of his father, a pioneer in the packing industry on the Eastern Shore accompanies this.

Commencing his education in the local schools, Mr. Winterbottom attended St. James College, Annapolis, and from college came directly into the Phillips Packing Company. There, he was associated with the firm in various capacities, gaining a thorough knowledge of the business in its various aspects. He then assumed the responsibilities of vice president, and concurrently holds the same office in the Phillips Hardware Company. He is on the board of directors of both firms.

Mr. Winterbottom has a creditable record of service during World War II, in the production of rations for the Government and canned products for the Army, through the Phillips Company. He has served for one year on the Board of Managers of the State Hospital.

The interest which Mr. Winterbottom displays in political activities is well in line with family tradition. In 1944 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Cambridge Lodge Number 1272, and of the Chamber of Commerce. Clubs to which he belongs are the Cambridge Country, Yacht, and Skeet clubs. In religious affiliation he is a Methodist, and is a steward in the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church.

W. Grason Winterbottom, Jr., married, on October 28, 1939, Ruth Morris, of Salisbury. They are the parents of a son, William Grason, III, who was born September 22, 1940.

**A. FLETCHER SISK**—Successor to his father in the canned foods industry on the Eastern Shore, and a partner of the present firm of Albert W. Sisk and Son, A. Fletcher Sisk's part in the business and civic life of Preston and vicinity has of necessity been a leading one. His association with the firm founded by his father has been lifelong, and he has had official connection with a number of other firms. Much of his energies has also been turned to agriculture, so that in all, his is an example of a many-sided and exceptionally active career.

Mr. Sisk, who was born in Preston, July 26, 1886, is the son of Albert Wesley Sisk, founder of the





*W. Grason Winter Sutton*





*My friend Bob J.*









*W. F. Fisk*

canned foods brokerage firm to which he gave his name; grandson of William and Lucetta (Dean) Sisk; great-grandson of Joseph Foster and Susan (Ollcott) Sisk; great-great-grandson of David and Elizabeth (Foster) Sisk; and great-great-great-grandson of Joseph Sisk, who was born in Wales and in whose person this branch of the family was brought to America in the early seventeenth century. Joseph Sisk settled in Caroline County, Maryland, and the family has lived in this section of the country since.

Albert Wesley Sisk, father of A. Fletcher Sisk, was born near Preston on June 11, 1860, and died at Preston, July 25, 1936. His first employment after attending public schools and the Preston Academy was that of teacher, but in 1887 he entered the canning business, his first venture being the Preston Canning Company. He also opened a general store in Preston, and in 1891 founded the firm which still bears his name: Albert W. Sisk and Company. This concern acted as broker and factor for canned foods and canners' supplies. When in 1909 A. Fletcher Sisk, subject of the present sketch, entered partnership with his father, the firm name was changed to Albert W. Sisk and Son. In 1924 Theodore Fletcher became a partner, and two years later, Harold E. Stark was admitted in the same capacity. Still later, a branch office was opened at Aberdeen, and J. B. Harwood and J. Dolles Blades were admitted as partners. The firm now operates at Preston and Aberdeen, Maryland, and Tampa, Florida. Nationally recognized trade names of Sisk canned goods are: Pine Cone, Confidence, I. X. L., Red-Glo, Green-Glo, Mother's Delight, Crown of Maryland, and Preston. In their aggregate, these products earn for their producers recognition as the world's largest distributors of Eastern canned foods.

Albert W. Sisk, the founder, was also prominent in a great variety of enterprises. He organized the Provident Savings Bank of Preston, which later became the Provident State Bank, and served as its president until 1932. He was also a director of banks in Denton, Salisbury and Hebron, and was a stockholder of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Bel Air and of The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore. For a number of years he was president of the Elberta Fruit Farms, located in Hancock, Maryland. A Democrat, he was especially active in politics, serving as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates from 1894 to 1898. He was appointed a member of the governor's military staff, with the rank of colonel, in 1900, and was a trustee of the University of Maryland and member of the Caroline County school board. Fraternally, he was a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Heptasophs, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He was of Methodist faith.

At Preston, December 3, 1884, Albert W. Sisk married Sallie Fletcher, of Preston, daughter of Jeremiah Bartholomew Fletcher, a merchant and farmer of Preston. They became the parents of five children: Albert Fletcher, whom we here consider; Edwin Kerr; Henrietta; Elizabeth Eloise, who married Walton Cookman Orrell; and Frances Dorothy, who married Artie Preston Osteen.

A. Fletcher Sisk's education was begun in the public schools, and on completion of his secondary education he entered Dickinson College, class of 1909, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He also took courses at Goldey Business College. Since childhood he had been in close touch with his father's firm, and he entered the business in

1909, in which year the firm's name was changed to Albert W. Sisk and Son. In 1917 he became a full member of the firm, and has retained this position to the present time. Like his father, he took an active interest in banking, and was for twenty-five years a director and for eight years president of the Provident State Bank of Preston, retiring from the presidency in 1942. He helped organize, and was for several years a director and officer, of the Preston Trucking Company, was president of the Lawrence Realty Company, and also an official of the Beechwood Corporation. He still holds directorships in the two last-named organizations. Mr. Sisk is a member of the board of governors of the Eastern Shore State Hospital.

Taking a lively interest in farming, A. Fletcher Sisk operates three farms. In addition to general truck produce, these farms are devoted to cattle raising, specializing in the Angus Aberdeen breed, of which there are sixty head.

Mr. Sisk is a Mason, past master of the Preston Lodge No. 207, and member of the Past Masters' Association. He belongs also to the Talbot Country Club and the Belmont Golf Club, and for recreation especially enjoys gunning and shooting wild fowl, as well as fishing and golf. He is a Democrat in political conviction, and served in 1940, 1944 and 1948 as delegate to the Democratic National Convention. He has a creditable record of service in World War I. Enlisting on May 28, 1918, at Denton, he served with Company H of the 313th Infantry Regiment, 157th Infantry Brigade, 79th Division, and was engaged in action on the Monte Faucon and Verdun fronts. He was wounded September 26, 1918 in France. He received his honorable discharge at Camp Meade, Maryland, February 24, 1919. He was awarded a citation by President Woodrow Wilson, which reads: "Columbia Gives to Her Son the Accolade of the New Chivalry of Humanity; Albert F. Sisk, Pvt. Co. H, 313th Inf. Served with honor in the World War and was wounded in action." He is a member of the American Legion.

On March 31, 1923, A. Fletcher Sisk married Helen Ione Marvel, of Easton, daughter of Robert N. and Sallie (Ross) Marvel. They have two children: 1. Albert Fletcher Sisk, Jr., who is attending Washington and Lee College where he is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. 2. Helen Barbara, who attends Southern Seminary at Buena Vista, Virginia.

**NORMAN E. POLK**—In Pocomoke City business circles, Norman E. Polk is prominent as the head of the Ashburn-Polk Company, dealers in building materials and hardware. He was born not far from Pocomoke City, in Somerset County, on August 12, 1902, one of the sons of James Whittington and Josephine (Lawson) Polk, his father being also a native of Somerset County, and his mother was born in Blair, Nebraska. It is worthy of more than passing note that Norman E. Polk owns a farm consisting of two hundred and twenty acres in Somerset County, which was settled by Captain Whittington Polk about 1680, land which was part of the original grant.

After being graduated from the Pocomoke City High School with the class of 1918, Mr. Polk engaged in several occupations until 1920, when he began two years' work as agent for the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railroad Company. Then for three years he was connected with the chain store business in Pocomoke City. In 1925 he became associated with



his father-in-law, Quince Ashburn, in the Ashburn-Polk Company, manufacturers and retailers of all kinds of native lumber. Mr. Ashburn died on July 10, 1945, and Norman E. Polk has since carried on the business most successfully.

In business organizations he is a well-known member of the Middle Atlantic Lumbermen's Association, the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association, and the Del-Mar-Va Lumbermen's Association of which he is vice president. Mr. Polk is president of the Rotary Club, member of the Pocomoke Business Men's Association, the Winter Quarters Country Club, and the Nandua Harbor Club. He is also a member of the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church of Rehoboth, Maryland, and honorary trustee of Westminster Choir College.

At Pocomoke City, November 21, 1925, Norman E. Polk married Myrtle Ashburn, who was born in Bangor, Pennsylvania, daughter of Quince and Reba (Downing) Ashburn. Her mother, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1880, died January 26, 1945. Quince Ashburn was born in Suffolk, Virginia, January 10, 1874, died July 10, 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Polk are the parents of two children: 1. Norma, who was born at Pocomoke City, May 23, 1927. She married, January 26, 1947, William S. Miles, of Pocomoke City. 2. Quincy Ashburn Polk, born at Pocomoke, November 20, 1935.

**QUINCE ASHBURN**—Down through the years of a long and distinguished career, Quince Ashburn of Pocomoke City, served his day and generation with exceptional fidelity and success. He was born at Myrtle, Virginia, on January 10, 1874, son of Henry and Elmira (Gardner) Ashburn.

Rearred on his father's farm, Quince Ashburn attended the Nansemond County schools, and completed his preparation for a career in the Norfolk, Virginia, Business College. His business experience included the firm he founded, now known as the Ashburn-Polk Company, dealers in building materials and hardware. His partner in this concern, and its present head, was Norman E. Polk (q.v.), Mr. Ashburn's son-in-law. The headquarters of the company is in Pocomoke City.

Mr. Ashburn was a director of the Citizens National Bank of Pocomoke City. In public affairs he was a former senator, and the sponsor of progressive legislation. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Masonic Order and a past master of his lodge, and was a charter member and former president of the Pocomoke Rotary Club. He worshipped at the Pitts Creek Presbyterian Church, and was generous in his contributions to religious and charitable works.

On May 18, 1898, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Quince Ashburn married Reba Downing, daughter of William and Ada (Keim) Downing. Mrs. Ashburn died at Pocomoke, January 26, 1945. They were the parents of two daughters: 1. Edna (Ashburn) Eberwine, who was born February 22, 1899. 2. Myrtle, born January 10, 1902; she married, November 21, 1925, Norman E. Polk (q.v.), and is the mother of two daughters: i. Norma, born May 23, 1927, who married, January 26, 1947, William S. Miles, of Pocomoke City. ii. Quincy Ashburn Polk, born November 20, 1935.

The death of Quince Ashburn occurred on July 10, 1945. His passing was mourned by a host of associates and friends. He had been a familiar figure in

Pocomoke City where he was well-known as a good citizen, a loyal friend, and enjoyable companion, whose influence was ever on the side of what was best for his community and its people.

**OMAR D. CROTHERS, JR.**—A prominent attorney of Elkton, Maryland, Omar D. Crothers participates fully in the professional, commercial and civic life of his home community.

Born March 7, 1909, at Elkton, Maryland, he is the son of Omar D. and Reba Hamer (Miller) Crothers, both of whom were natives of Cecil County. The father studied engineering at the University of Delaware, and later law at the University of Maryland. He practiced law at Elkton, and served as city attorney and county attorney. He was twice elected to the state senate; and served as a member of the state road board and later, for fourteen years, as member of the Maryland Industrial Accident Commission. Omar D. and Rema Hamer (Miller) Crothers were the parents of two children: 1. Austin Lane, a business man of Cleveland, Ohio. 2. Omar D., Jr., of whom further. An uncle of the elder Omar D. Crothers, Austin Lane Crothers, once served as governor of the State of Maryland.

Omar D. Crothers, Jr., completed his secondary school education in Elkton in 1925. It was here that his prowess as a football star was first recognized. Later attending the Tome School for Boys at Port Deposit, he prepared to enter the University of Maryland. Here he came into full prominence as a football player, holding for several years a coveted place on the All-American line-up. He was also a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, and served in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps for two years. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the university in 1929, and his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1933. The summer months during his college years had been profitably spent as laborer and inspector on road work; and during 1930 and 1931, he had interrupted his course of studies to accept the position of coach for the Washington College football team.

In 1933 Omar D. Crothers, Jr., entered the private practice of law, initially opening offices in Baltimore and Elkton. However, as the practice was overlarge, and not wishing to divide his time, he confined his practice to Elkton.

Entering the United States Marine Corps in 1943, he was assigned to the First Marine Division, with which he saw much action in the Pacific. Leaving this famous fighting outfit with a captain's commission, he returned in 1946 to civilian life, remaining in the Reserve Corps. He is a member of the American Legion and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Outside of his private practice, Mr. Crothers' activities are many. He was appointed by Governor O'Connor, in 1943, to the Board of Correctional Institutions. He is a member of the Cecil County and Maryland bar associations, and sits on the boards of directors of several business firms. He is a Rotarian and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Politically, he supports the Democratic party.

On August 1, 1939, Omar D. Crothers, Jr., married Margaret Elizabeth Jefferson, a native of Chestertown, Kent County. She is a graduate of Washington College. They are the parents of one son: Omar D., III, born October 16, 1941.

**JAMES WINFIELD TAYLOR**, president of the Taylor Oil Company of Salisbury, and one of Salis-





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bury's most highly respected business men, was born January 10, 1886, on a farm in Wicomico County, the son of Wesley Benjamin and Georgia (Hurley) Taylor. His father was a farmer in the rich agricultural area west of Salisbury, near the little town of Quantico, and was the first rural mail carrier in that neighborhood.

James Winfield Taylor attended the district elementary school and the local high school. While still a boy he left his father's farm to become the barnman on one of the big farms near Quantico, and in a few years was made the general manager of this farm. In 1916 he started a produce business and was the first man in Wicomico County to store sweet potatoes for sale in winter. It was in 1927 that he and his brother Hilary—two of the large family of Taylor boys—began the distribution of Pure Oil products in Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester counties, with their headquarters in Salisbury. They were the first distributors of Pure Oil products in that area, and twenty-one years later they are still handling the Pure Oil products, having built up for themselves in the meantime a very successful business.

James Winfield Taylor became the president and the late Hilary Taylor vice president of the Taylor Oil Company of Salisbury. Another brother, Walter, is with the oil company, in charge of pumps and tanks, and still another brother, Raymond, is manager of a Pure Oil service station. In the three counties served by the Taylor Oil Company, which stretch thirty-five miles to the south, eight miles to the north, and twenty-two miles to the west of Salisbury, are forty-two service stations which are owned, leased or under contract, and the company also does business directly with the farmers. Since 1940 the volume of trade of the Taylor Oil Company has doubled, and the Taylors believe that much of their success in recent years is due to the help they gave farmers on their "paper work" in connection with gasoline rationing during World War II. During those "shortage years," they kept on their wall the motto, "We believe our customers' memory will last longer than the war."

James Winfield Taylor is a member of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, and belongs to the Asbury Methodist Church.

He married on December 13, 1913, Aurelia Carey, the daughter of Washington and Annie (Bounds) Carey. Washington Carey was a farmer. After the death of Aurelia (Carey) Taylor, James Winfield Taylor married (second) on January 3, 1926 Mary E. West, the daughter of James Henry and Mary E. (Dennis) West, her father being a farmer and for two terms deputy of the Orphans Court. Mr. Taylor has three children: 1. Pauline Geraldine, who married Edgar Adkins, and they have one son, Edgar Adkins, Jr. 2. Charlotte Elizabeth Taylor. 3. James W. Taylor, now a student, who is the child of the second marriage.

**HILARY MATTHEW TAYLOR**—The late Hilary Matthew Taylor was until his death on January 23, 1948, vice president of the Taylor Oil Company of Salisbury. Mr. Taylor served for twelve years on the Salisbury city council and for four years was its president. He was for many years a member of the Salisbury volunteer fire department and a member of a number of other local organizations. He loved people, was what is known as "a good mixer" and never failed to give his support to any cause that made for the general welfare.

He was born in Wicomico County on May 15, 1896, the son of Wesley Benjamin and Georgia (Hurley) Taylor, his father being a farmer and the first rural mail carrier of that vicinity. After attending the local elementary schools and Salisbury High School, Hilary Taylor worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-one and then entered the United States Army for service during World War I. He was a sergeant in the Twenty-ninth Division of the United States Army and saw action in France. After receiving his discharge he went to a school which trained him to be an electrician, and followed this calling for about two years, doing electrical work on some very important buildings, such as the DuPont Hotel in Wilmington. In 1927 he became associated with his brother, James Winfield Taylor (q.v.), in the oil business in Salisbury, the two brothers acting as distributors for Pure Oil products in the three counties of Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester and doing business under the name of the Taylor Oil Company. James was president of the company, and Hilary, who was the salesman of the organization, served as vice president. During the days of the depression, when this business, like many others, found conditions difficult, Hilary Taylor was known to admit that "the two hundred voting Taylors in their marketing district—all relatives—had helped a little." The business of the Taylor Oil Company not only weathered the depression but grew steadily, and between 1940 and 1948 doubled in volume.

Meantime Hilary Taylor, who was a staunch Democrat, had been elected by his fellow citizens to the city council and served for twelve years, filling the office of council president for four of those years. He was an active member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and fraternally was affiliated with Lodge No. 817 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belonged to the Salisbury Kiwanis Club, of which he served as president, and he was an enthusiastic member of the Salisbury Volunteer Firemen.

He married Hattie Byard of Seaford, Delaware, and they had one son, Hilary Matthew Taylor, Jr., now a student at the University of Maryland.

Mr. Taylor died on January 23, 1948. Very active in community affairs, he will be greatly missed.

**JAMES ELLIOTT ANDREWS**—One of the principal and most influential agriculturists on Maryland's Eastern Shore is James Elliott Andrews, grower and shipper of tomatoes, soy beans, canteloupes, sweet potatoes and corn. With a thousand-acre farm at Hurlock, which he operates in association with a nephew whom he reared—James W. Andrews—Mr. Andrews employs thirty persons throughout the year and one hundred in peak seasons. He uses the most scientific methods and a variety of modern machinery in the operation of his vast farm. He is also president of the Hurlock Milling Company, has been county commissioner and is active in all worthwhile civic enterprises, into which his leadership is frequently drafted by his neighbors and fellow citizens.

Mr. Andrews was born at Hurlock on April 5, 1892, the son of the late James M. and Sallie (Noble) Andrews, both of whom were also natives of Dorchester County, in which Hurlock is located. James M. Andrews was also a farmer and set his son an example for interest and activity in communal affairs. Born on a farm, James Elliott Andrews farmed with his parents until he was twenty-five years old. In the



meantime, of course, he was acquiring a formal education—in the public schools of Hurlock, and at Western Maryland University.

When he was twenty-five he married Eloise Adele Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Miller of Baltimore. The ceremony took place on November 7, 1917. The bride was a native of Westminster, Maryland.

Upon his marriage Mr. Andrews left the family farm and established himself on his own farm, in the location he now occupies, and gradually through the years he has increased his holdings until he obtained his present one thousand acres.

Having no children of his own, Mr. Andrews helped in the rearing of two of his brother's children: James W. and Elizabeth Andrews. James W. is now associated in the business with his uncle and has helped him in the expansion of the farm and in the application of modern methods to which much of their success may be credited. Elizabeth married Russell Herbst, who was a lieutenant-colonel with the United States Army during World War II, and is now associated with duPont and Company.

James W. Andrews attended the Hurlock schools and Washington College. He married Jane Corkran of Rhoadesdale. He is active in agricultural organizations and is known for his interest in Boy Scout work. He is a member of the Lions Club of Hurlock.

Uncle and nephew operate at Hurlock under the name of Adele Farms. They follow a well-developed rotation plan in cultivating their more than one thousand acres. Their 1948 crop plan was, for example: one hundred seventy-five acres in tomato plants, these to be distributed in the Northern States after the Georgia plants had passed their peak; one hundred acres in soy beans; one hundred acres in cucumbers; two hundred fifty acres in cantaloupes; one hundred, in tomatoes; one hundred fifty, in sweet potatoes, and one hundred, in corn.

Mr. Andrews is one of Dorchester County's most active citizens. He has served two terms as county commissioner, and is a director of the Cambridge Hospital. He is a member of the Maryland Vegetable Growers Association, the Northeastern Vegetable Council, the Farm Bureau, the Lions Club of Hurlock, Choptank Lodge No. 138, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Rotary Club of Cambridge, which he once served as president. In his church, the Washington Methodist Episcopal, he is president of the board of trustees.

**ROBERT I. LEDNUM**—For many years of his long life, Robert Ignatius Lednum was a prominent factor in the industrial life of the Eastern Shore, as a leader in its important canning industry. A resident of Pocomoke City since 1912, he had served the people of Worcester County as a member of the House of Delegates in 1928. Until the closing weeks of his life, he had been very active in civic and organizational affairs.

Mr. Lednum was born in Denton, July 5, 1867, and was a son of James I. and Alexine Lednum. He was educated in the public schools, and became engaged in the canning business in 1902. He entered this field in Caroline County, where he remained until 1910. In that year, Mr. Lednum purchased the Pocomoke City plant, in the operation of which he was active until the time of his death. During this period, he also joined his brother, J. Frank Lednum, in the mercantile business, and later conducted a general merchandising

business in Preston. To devote more active attention to the management of the canning plant, Mr. Lednum moved to Pocomoke City in 1912.

Mr. Lednum devoted considerable time and unselfish interest to public service. As a young man he was for some years deputy clerk of county for Caroline County. He was elected a member of the legislature representing Worcester County in 1928.

From 1938 until the time of his death, Mr. Lednum was associated in the canning business with his nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Lednum. The firm, known as R. I. Lednum and Company, has been managed by them since Robert I. Lednum's death. Of Ralph C. Lednum, a biographical sketch appears in this volume.

Robert I. Lednum was a prominent charter member of the local Rotary Clubs of Pocomoke. Despite failing eyesight, he remained active until a short time before his death.

Robert I. Lednum was married three times. He married, first, Elizabeth Whitby, of Denton. He married, second, Helen Rockhold, of Annapolis; and married, third, Ella Wilson of Pocomoke City. All three preceded Mr. Lednum in death. There were no children.

Mr. Lednum died March 19, 1948. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him in the several communities where he was active as a skillful business man, public-minded citizen, and loyal friend.

**RALPH CREIGHTON LEDNUM**—In the canning business, one of the major industries of the Eastern Shore, the name Lednum is prominent. The firm of R. I. Lednum and Company operates chiefly in the canning of tomatoes and allied products, with headquarters in Pocomoke City. The concern, established in Pocomoke, was operated from 1910 by Robert I. Lednum, uncle of Ralph C. Lednum. In 1938 it became a partnership, consisting of Robert I., Ralph C., and Mary W. Lednum. Since the death of Robert I. Lednum, March 19, 1948, the business is being operated by the two remaining partners.

Ralph C. Lednum was born at Bethlehem, Caroline County, Maryland, on September 21, 1890, son of J. Frank and Laura (Callahan) Lednum, his mother having been born in Queen Annes County, December 31, 1867. She died March 11, 1945. J. Frank Lednum was born in Denton, Maryland, in 1865.

After attending the grade and high schools of Preston, Maryland, Ralph Creighton Lednum entered the University of Maryland. In the year 1910, while still very young, he became associated with his father in business at Preston. He has been affiliated with the canning industry ever since; and in 1938 came to Pocomoke City as a partner of his uncle, Robert I. Lednum. He is an active member of the Tri-State Canners Association. Mr. Lednum's personal contacts include membership in the Rotary Club, the Winter Quarters Country Club, and the Masonic order, he being affiliated with Preston Lodge No. 207, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He attends the Protestant Episcopal Church.

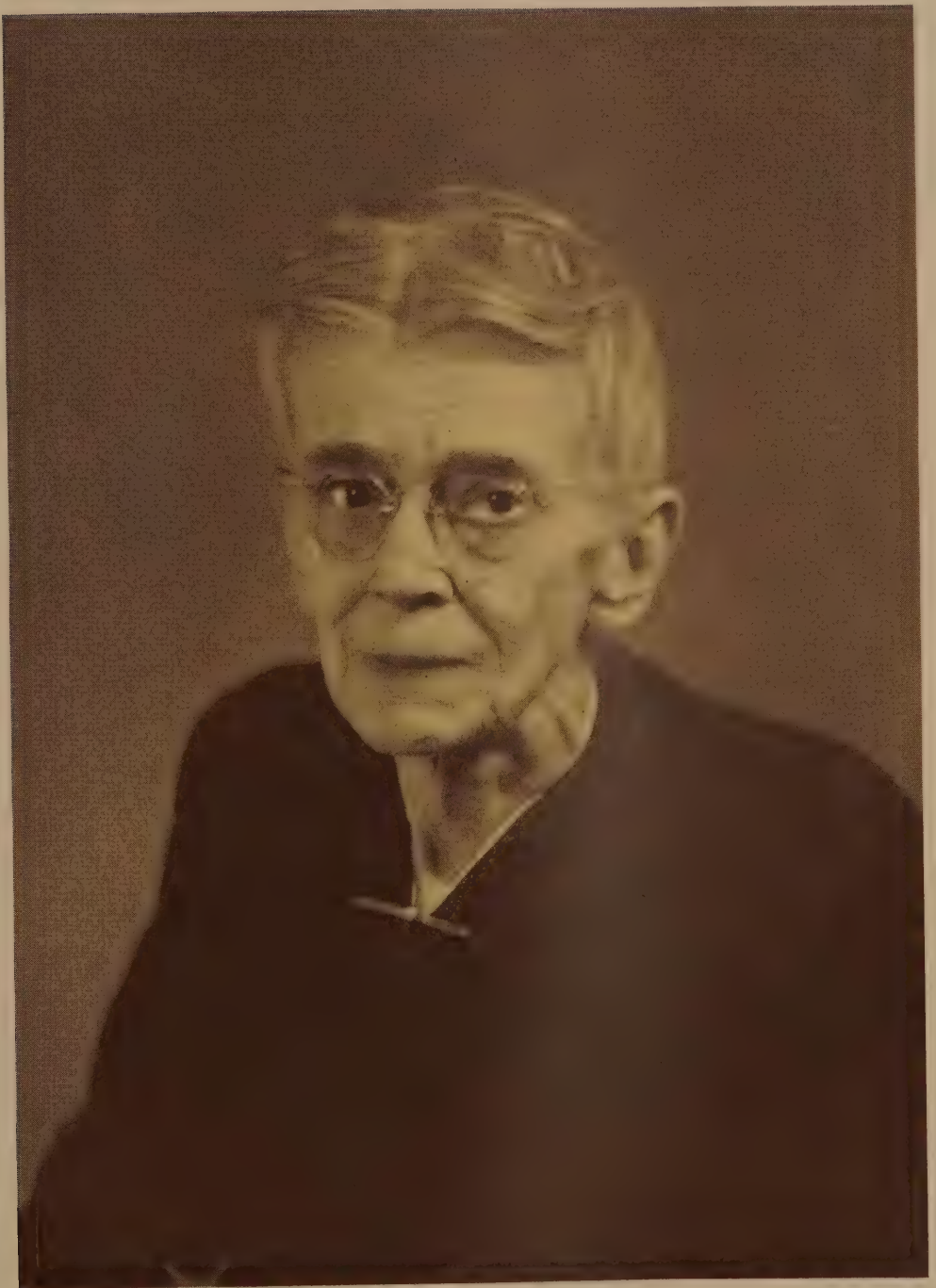
In the Spring Hill Church, near Hebron, Maryland, on June 26, 1924, Ralph Creighton Lednum married Mary Wilson, who was born at Mardela Springs, Wicomico County, daughter of William T. and Samantha E. (Cooper) Wilson. Both parents were born at Mardela Springs, her mother on February 14, 1863, and her father on May 11, 1859. Mrs. Wilson died March 19, 1935, and Mr. Wilson on May 1, 1948.







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*Sallie A. Whittington*









*Norman S. Whittington*



**NORMAN THOMAS WHITTINGTON**—Combining good business sense, lifelong experience, and enjoyment of his work, Norman Thomas Whittington has become one of the largest poultry raisers on the Eastern Shore, or indeed in the United States. He is also active in local affairs.

Many records, both family and public, have preserved for us an unusually complete history of the Whittington family in America, and the present generation which Norman Thomas Whittington represents is the eighth to have lived in this country.

Captain William Whittington was born in England about 1616, and died in Northampton County, Virginia, having come to this country in the Colonial Service. He married Elizabeth Weston of Northampton County.

Colonel William Whittington, son of Captain William and Elizabeth (Weston) Whittington, the first American-born forebear, was likewise the first to have dwelt in Maryland. He was born in Northampton County, Virginia, about 1650, and remained in that colony until some time after 1682. He was a captain of horse in Northampton County in 1680, a civil officer, and Burgess for Accomac. Some time prior to 1689 he had settled in Somerset County, Maryland, for in that year he became high sheriff of the county, so remaining until 1695. He was a captain of foot in 1694, and a major from 1696 to 1700. From 1701 he held the rank of lieutenant colonel; and he was Burgess for Somerset County from 1692 to 1695 and from 1700 to 1704. The Upper House Journals bear his name as a member of the Council of Maryland between 1708 and 1716. He died in 1720. His wife's name was Esther Littleton.

Southey Whittington, son of Colonel William and Esther (Littleton) Whittington, was born in Somerset County about 1685 and died in 1720. He married Mary Fassitt, who died in Somerset County about 1775.

Southey (II) Whittington, son of Southey (I) and Mary Fassitt Whittington, was born in Somerset County before 1732, and died in Worcester County in 1785/6. He married Esther Nairn.

Southey (III) Whittington, son of Southey (II) and Esther (Nairn) Whittington, was married, in Somerset County, on July 8, 1804, to Mary Coulbourn. He died in Somerset County in 1843.

Stephenson Whittington, son of Southey (III) and Mary (Coulbourn) Whittington, was born in Somerset County December 16, 1814, and died there February 3, 1899. He married Jane Tull, also of that county, born August 24, 1819, died March 30, 1896.

Stephen Franklin Whittington, son of Stephenson and Jane (Tull) Whittington, and father of the subject of this biography, was born in Somerset County on August 7, 1858, and died there February 10, 1927. He was by occupation a farmer, was a Republican in politics, and a communicant of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church of Marion. He married Sallie Ann Adams, born in Somerset County May 31, 1863, daughter of Samuel Thomas and Mary Ann (Whittington) Adams. Her parents were married in 1860. Her father, who had been born January 20, 1832, was of a noted old Eastern Shore family, an ancestor, Philip Adams (1737-1818) having settled in Somerset County, and married Rachel Potter, of English descent. The mother of Sallie Ann (Adams) Whittington was born January 10, 1839 and died March 4, 1928.

Norman Thomas Whittington was one of two children born to Stephen Franklin and Sallie Ann

(Adams) Whittington. His older brother, Austin Lee, was born June 6, 1887, while Norman Thomas was born at Marion Station, Somerset County, on February 12, 1891.

He attended the public and high schools of Marion, and early showed an interest in his father's farming activities. He attended the University of Maryland for two years, and thereafter associated himself with his father in the operation of the farm near Marion, which consisted of one hundred and forty acres. About 1927 Norman Whittington began specializing in the raising of chickens for egg production, and during the ensuing four years expanding business gave encouragement to his project. In 1931 he gave up the egg business, seeing better possibilities in the raising of broilers for market, and in the development and operation of a hatchery for baby chicks.

This latter business has enjoyed continuous growth, and the present volume of business leaves it with few competitors on the Eastern Shore, or, for that matter, in the United States. In addition to his original farm, Mr. Whittington now operates others engaged also in poultry raising, especially broilers. He gives employment to thirty persons year-round, and the total production on all his farms equals one half million broilers annually, while the yearly output of the hatchery is over three hundred thousand chicks.

Mr. Whittington is active in Masonic affairs, is a Thirty-second degree Mason, and member of the Thomas J. Shryrock Commandery in Salisbury, the Consistory at Baltimore, and the Bountiful Temple at Baltimore. His occupational interests are furthered by his membership in the Del-Mar-Va Broiler Federation and in the Northwestern Poultry Producers Association. Mr. Whittington's political preference is for the Republican party, but he is an independent voter. The family attends the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, in which he is a trustee.

At Denton, December 22, 1925, Norman Thomas Whittington married Golda Irene Bradley, who was born in Dorchester County, August 20, 1902, daughter of William Oliver and Emma (Russell) Bradley. Her father was born in Dorchester County, January 17, 1866, while Emma (Russell) Bradley was a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, born May 11, 1874, and died in Dorchester County on January 30, 1932. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Whittington are the parents of three children: 1. Norman Thomas, Jr., born at Marion April 1, 1929. 2. Jean Bradley, born November 23, 1932. 3. Stephen Frank, who was born July 1, 1937 and died January 9, 1940.

**THE HARRISON-JARBOE CANNING COMPANY** and its affiliated companies, today one of the leaders in its field, with plants at Sherwood, McDaniel, St. Michaels, Landing Neck, Easton, and Chapel Station, originated in 1905, when a group of Sherwood men and their families organized a small canning business in that community. They began work in a small building sixty by twenty feet, with an old steam engine from a threshing rig as motor power. In the beginning the men and their wives did the greater part of the work. This original concern, called the Sherwood Canning Company, packed vegetables and fruit. About the same time they organized the Sherwood Fish Products Company, to can fish and fish roe, and the Sherwood Packing Company, to pack oysters and crabs. All of these concerns were successful from the start. The original partners were Merton G. Jarboe, Robert S. Harrison (who was then a member of the

Tidewaters Fisheries Commission), his twin brother James S. Harrison, Raymond L. Harrison, Levi F. Harrison, and W. F. Rowleson. The only one of the original partners living is Raymond L. Harrison. These men operated the business for many years. However, as time went on, their children came into the business, and many of the organizers died. In 1940, therefore, the firm of Harrison-Jarboe was formed and took over the Sherwood Canning Company. Prior to this, about 1938, the Harrison-Jarboe Seafood Company had been organized and it bought out the Sherwood Packing Company. The title of the Sherwood Fish Products Company remains unchanged.

The partners of the new organization are Harvey J. Jarboe, Wilson M. Jarboe, J. Lester Harrison, Stanley R. Harrison, and James E. Warner.

From its small beginnings the business has grown until it is now one of the outstanding leaders in its field. The main offices are in Sherwood, with a branch office in St. Michael's and plants at Sherwood, St. Michael's, Landing Neck, Easton, and Chapel Station. Vegetables and fish are marketed under the Sherwood Brand, Dover Brand, and Claibourne Brand, and oysters and crabs under the Miles River Brand; and in addition about fifty per cent of the Harrison-Jarboe output is canned under buyers' labels. As many as fifteen hundred people are employed, and Harrison-Jarboe products are sold all over the United States, with a considerable export trade. In 1947 the Harrison-Jarboe Canning Company was the largest canner of peeled tomatoes in the United States. The output is approximately five hundred thousand cases of tomatoes per year, fifty thousand cases of fish, one million pounds of crab meat, and one hundred and fifty thousand gallons of oysters, besides considerable amounts of sweet potatoes and stringless beans. During World War II, the firm received the much-coveted "A" award from the United States War Food Administration for its excellent work in providing food for the armed forces and home defense. It holds membership in the Tri-State Packers Association and the National Canners Association, and is in the forefront of all movements for the development of the packing and canning industry.

**HARVEY J. JARBOE**, who has been actively engaged in the canning of sea foods and vegetables at Sherwood with the Harrison-Jarboe interests since 1934, takes an active part in community affairs in Sherwood and is a member of a number of local organizations.

He was born in Sherwood on May 19, 1907, the son of the late Merton G. Jarboe and Clara V. (Harrison) Jarboe, the former a native of Jarboesville, in St. Mary's County, and a descendant of Colonel John Jarboe who was responsible for chasing the Indians from Kent Island; the latter a native of Sherwood and the daughter of John T. Harrison.

Harvey J. Jarboe attended the local elementary schools and Tilghman High School and in addition took several business courses. While securing his business training, he worked in a bank in Washington, D. C. and in various stores there, and during his summer vacations he worked in St. Michaels Bank. In 1930 he became associated with the Easton Motor Company in the capacity of cost accountant, a position he held for four years. In 1934 he returned to Sherwood to enter the family canning business and has since been actively engaged in the canning of sea foods and vegetables with the Harrison-Jarboe interests. Mr. Jarboe is a director of St. Michaels Bank, and

a director of the Easton National Bank. He serves on the board of directors of the Easton Memorial Hospital, and was active in promoting the second, third, and fourth war bond drives in his community. A staunch Democrat, he has served in the past on the state central committee of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Sherwood Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally Mr. Jarboe is affiliated with Millen Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Easton and he is a member of the Bay Hundred Lions Club and serves as its secretary and treasurer. He is an active member of the Miles River Yacht Club. Fishing, duck hunting, and baseball are his favorite sports, and he is a member of the Maryland Fishermens Association.

He married, on May 15, 1935, Gertrude Muller of Talbot County, the daughter of Carl J. D. and May E. (Jacobs) Muller, both natives of Germany. Her father was killed in a train accident at Chapel Station. Mr. and Mrs. Jarboe are the parents of three children: Merton M., Harvey McKee, and Nancy Lee.

**WILSON M. JARBOE**, a partner in the Harrison-Jarboe Seafood Company, Harrison-Jarboe Canning Company, Sherwood Fish Products Company, packers and canners, of Sherwood, was born in that community September 27, 1913, the son of Merton G. and Clara V. (Harrison) Jarboe. His father, the late Merton G. Jarboe, who died in 1942, was a native of Jarboesville, St. Mary's County, in southern Maryland, and a descendant of Colonel John Jarboe who chased the Indians off Kent Island. Mr. Jarboe's mother, Clara V. (Harrison) Jarboe, a native of Sherwood and the daughter of John T. Harrison, is still living in Sherwood.

Wilson M. Jarboe attended the local public schools. After leaving Tilghman High School, he started in the packing business at Tilghman at the age of eighteen, with Frye & Jarboe and spent three years there engaged in the packing of sea foods. In 1935 he became associated with the Harrison & Jarboe Seafood Company, in which he was made a partner, and he has been active in this business ever since. Mr. Jarboe is chairman of the board of directors of the County Trust Company at St. Michaels; and is a director of the County Trust Company of Baltimore and the Chesapeake Bay Fishing Fair Association. He has served as chairman of the local Red Cross and United Service Organization drives and is otherwise active in community affairs. He is a member of the Sherwood Methodist Episcopal Church and serves as superintendent of its Sunday school. He is a past commodore of the Miles River Yacht Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics, Mr. Jarboe is a Democrat, although he has never sought public office. His favorite recreations are sailing and fishing.

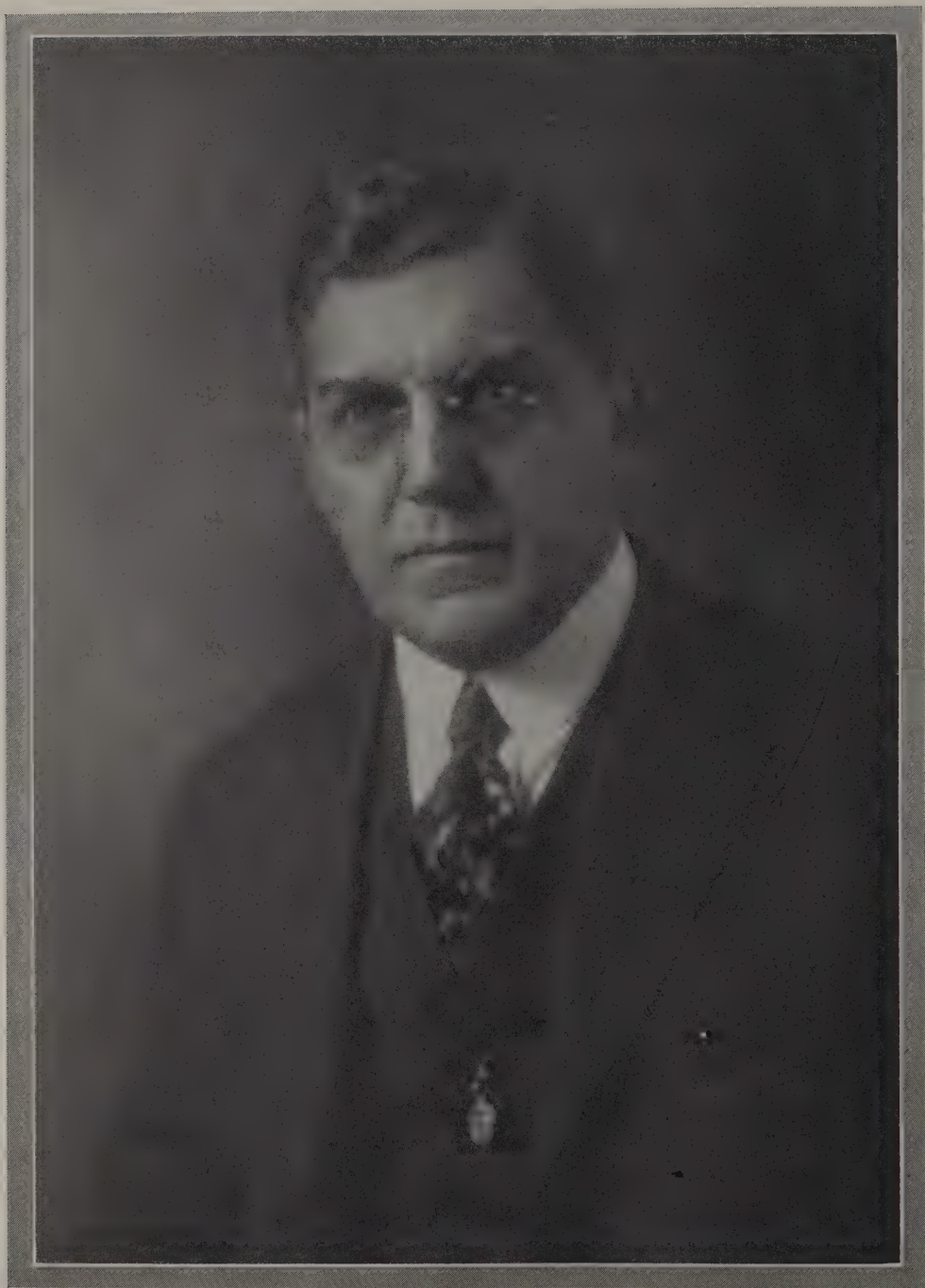
He married on March 21, 1934, Evelyn Frampton Sinclair of Tilghman, the daughter of Charles T. and Angie (Frampton) Sinclair. Mr. and Mrs. Jarboe have three children: Sylvia Ann, Sandra Carol, and Sharon Renee.

**STANLEY RAYMOND HARRISON**, a canner, of Sherwood, is associated with the Harrison-Jarboe Seafood Company and also with the Harrison-Jarboe Canning Company, and Sherwood Fish Products Company. Mr. Harrison is active in local affairs in Sherwood and, having a well-trained voice, is particularly prominent in musical work in the community.

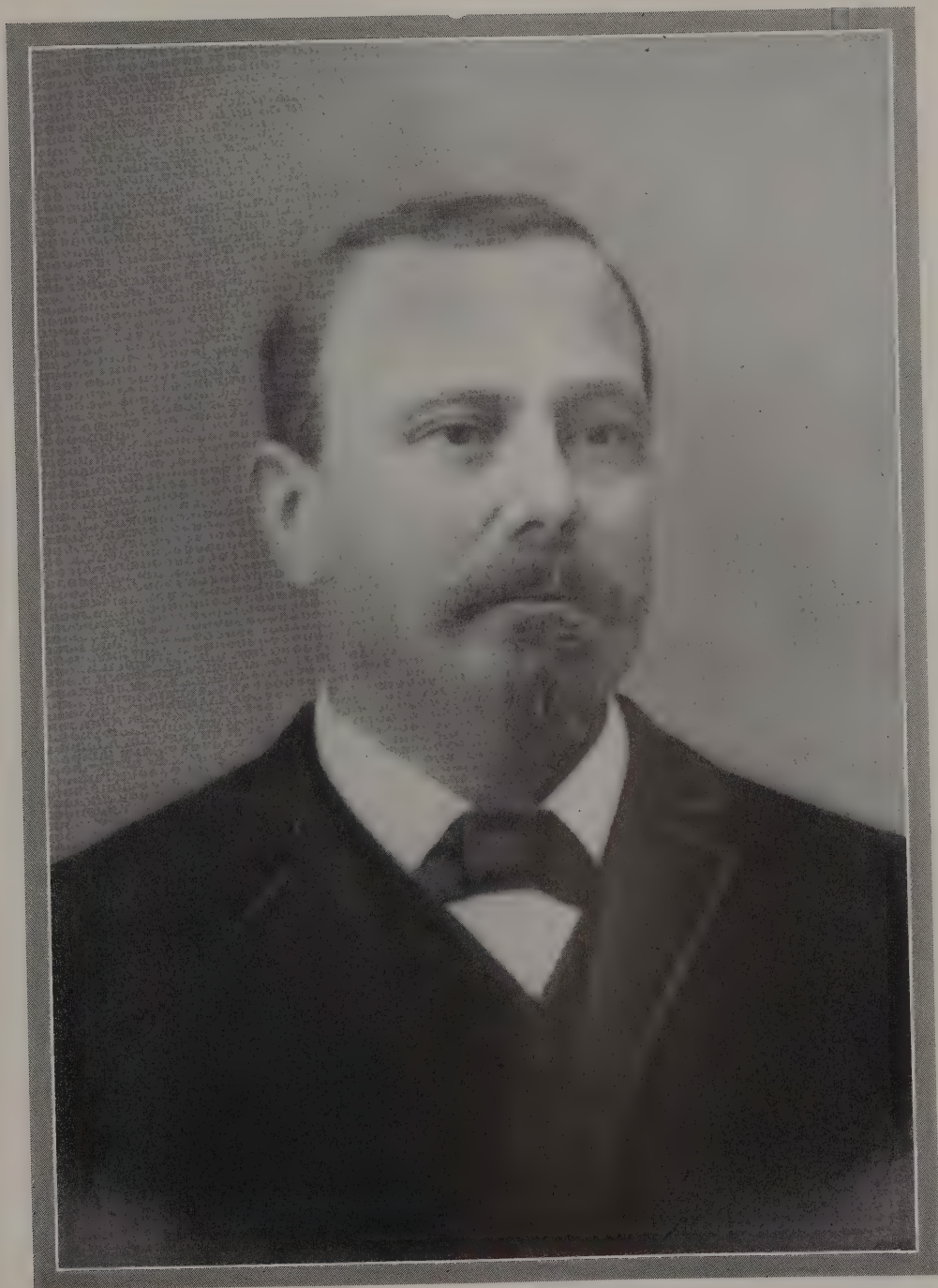
He was born in Sherwood on April 20, 1913, the son







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of Raymond L. and Gladys W. (Lomax) Harrison, the former a native of Easton and the latter of Sherwood. Mr. Harrison's father, Raymond L. Harrison, is a canner and the only one still living today, of the original group who were participants in the Harrison-Jarboe enterprise.

Stanley Raymond Harrison was educated in the local elementary school and Tilghman High School, after which he took a commercial course in Strayer's Business College. He was gifted musically and studied voice for five years. After completing his business course, he entered the family business, becoming associated with the Harrison-Jarboe Seafood Company, and later he also became active in the canning company. He has continued to work with both companies to the present time. Mr. Harrison is a director of the Tilghman Bank. He is a member of the Bay Hundred Lions Club and of the Miles River Yacht Club, in which he is a fleet captain. An active member of the Sherwood Methodist Episcopal Church, he has served in the past as superintendent of the Sunday school there. But it is in musical affairs that Mr. Harrison makes his chief contribution to community life, and his activity along this line is always greatly appreciated. He is a Democrat in political affiliation, and his hobbies are boating, sailing and gunning.

He married Isabell G. Robinson of Cambridge, the daughter of Thomas S. and Althea (Gray) Robinson, on April 27, 1933. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have two children: 1. Shirley Ann, a student in St. Michaels High School. 2. Donna Fay.

**JAMES LESTER HARRISON**, of the canning firm of Harrison-Jarboe, has been active in the canning business since the completion of his education. His energies have been chiefly devoted to the building up of this company, and he is one of the more prominent Eastern Shore business men.

The firm of Jarboe-Harrison was founded by the present Mr. Harrison's father, James S. Harrison, who prior to that time had been a farmer and waterman. He was active in the affairs of the Sherwood Methodist Episcopal Church, and died January 23, 1941. He married Nora Amelia Harrison, of Sherwood, who is still living. Their son, James Lester, of this record, was born in Sherwood, November 2, 1909. He attended public schools up through Tilghman High School, then went directly to work in the Jarboe-Harrison canning business. He has been a partner in the firm since 1938, in charge of the McDaniel plant. He is a member of the Bay Hundred Lions Club and the Miles River Yacht Club. His hobbies are boating and fishing.

On February 14, 1931, James Lester Harrison married Anna Virginia Mason of Deale, daughter of Arthur and Eva (Weems) Mason.

**JAMES EDGAR WARNER** has, after a varied business experience, carved for himself a successful career in Sherwood. He is now a partner in the firm of Harrison-Jarboe, canners, is an official in a local bank, and prominent in club and lodge affairs.

Mr. Warner was born in Hamilton, Talbot County, August 15, 1905, and educated in the local public schools, graduating from St. Michaels High School. His first employment was as clerk in a store, but he soon joined his father in an automotive business. In 1934 he joined the firm of Harrison-Jarboe, and four years later became a partner in that concern, and was placed in charge of the Landing Neck plant. He is a director of the St. Michaels Bank, and member

of the board of governors of the Miles River Yacht Club. In fraternal affairs, he is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is past master of Granite Lodge No. 177. The Warners attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Warner is a Democrat and his hobbies are boating and fishing.

James Edgar Warner married, on January 17, 1932, Clara Marie Harrison of Sherwood, daughter of Robert S. Harrison, one of the founders of Harrison-Jarboe, and of Margaret Ann Etta Harrison.

**MILFORD NATHAN**—Long a resident of Cambridge, and long a respected merchant in that city, Milford Nathan is a man who has been with his business since boyhood, knows it thoroughly, and with his enthusiasm for his work has combined an enjoyment of friendly personal relationships which has added to his stature among Cambridge citizens.

Born in Cambridge, July 23, 1876, Milford Nathan grew up in the furniture business, spending every available hour of his boyhood in his father's store. His father, M. Nathan, was a native of Baltimore, and married Emma Goodman of that city. He died November 16, 1911, forty years after having established himself as a merchant in the city of Cambridge. His son, Milford, took full responsibility in the business in 1911, after education in the public schools of Cambridge. The original store has had a continuous growth. A branch was opened at Seaford, Delaware, as early as 1915. In 1917 another Cambridge store under the name of the Home Furniture Exchange was opened. At Salisbury, a branch was opened in 1925, and the same year saw the beginnings of another store at Chestertown. In 1930 two more stores, at Crisfield, Maryland and Onancock, Virginia, were added to the chain. All of these stores are operated under the name of Nathan's with the exception of the Home Furniture Exchange.

Mr. Nathan's understanding of and liking for people may have much to do with his success in merchandising. His friends throughout the peninsula are legion. Mr. Nathan has served his community and its organizations in many capacities. He is president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, and served for twenty-five years on the board of directors of the Cambridge Hospital. He was president of this board for ten years, terminating his service in that capacity in 1946. He retains his membership in the Chamber of Commerce, and is active in the Cambridge Rotary. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Cambridge Lodge Number 1272, and of several Masonic bodies: the Cambridge Lodge Number 66, the local Royal Arch Chapter, and the Council. To keep in touch with developments in his branch of merchandising, he is a member of the National Retail Furniture Dealers Association, and of the Baltimore Retail Dealers Association, the Maryland Furniture Upholsterers Association, and the Retail Credit Institute of Washington, D. C. For a number of years, Mr. Nathan was also active in the operation of theaters in Cambridge, owning them until 1938 when he sold out.

Mr. Nathan married, May 28, 1927, Miss Estelle Dawson, of Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

**WILBUR R. DASHIELL** has been active in the real estate business in and around Cambridge for about thirty-five years. He also operates an insurance agency under the name of W. R. Dashiell & Company, handling all types of insurance except life insurance. In addition to these interests, Mr. Dashiell has always

been engaged in farming, and operates a large tourist home. A Democrat by political affiliation, he served three years as a trial magistrate, and was a member of the Maryland General Assembly in 1938-1942.

He was born on Taylors Island on February 10, 1889, the son of William F. and Mary E. (Navy) Dashiell, both born in Dorchester County. William F. Dashiell, now deceased, was a blacksmith, a timber dealer, and an extensive landowner of Dorchester County.

In the public schools of Taylors Island Wilbur R. Dashiell received his education. He farmed with his father on the island until he was twenty years old. Then he came to Cambridge as a salesman, and in other capacities, before going into the real estate business for himself. He has now spent thirty-five years in that business. Mr. Dashiell has always been engaged in farming to a greater or less extent, with grain, livestock, and timber as his main crops. He also devotes considerable attention to his insurance business, and during the vacation season, the management of his large tourist home. Nevertheless, he finds time to devote to public affairs, and has held public office, serving in the Maryland General Assembly from 1938 to 1942, and also as a trial magistrate. He is a member and serves on the board of directors of the Maryland Real Estate Board. He belongs also to the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Dashiell likes to go gunning and fishing, but he also rates "real estate operations" as a hobby, proving that he is one of those fortunate individuals who can combine play with their means of livelihood.

He married on September 20, 1911, Reba Mitchell, a native of Cambridge and the daughter of Oliver W. and Laura L. (Price) Mitchell, both now deceased, the former in 1918, the latter in 1946. Oliver W. Mitchell was a farmer. Wilbur R. and Reba (Mitchell) Dashiell are the parents of four children: 1. Wilbur Mitchell, born September 9, 1912, a graduate of the local schools, and now in charge of Farm Labor Bureau activities in five counties. He is a member of the Cambridge Country Club, and the Cambridge Yacht Club. He married Rebecca Windsor of Cambridge. 2. Frances Elizabeth, born February 8, 1914, a graduate of the local schools and Strayer's Business College. She is secretary in a law firm in Baltimore. 3. Hamilton Lee (q. v.). 4. Rebecca Ruth, born April 2, 1921, a graduate of the local schools, and of the University of Maryland, and Johns Hopkins University. She was for some time a dietician at Vassar College. She married Emmett E. Hearn, and they have one child, Robert Emmett.

**HAMILTON LEE DASHIELL** is associated with his father in the real estate and insurance business of W. R. Dashiell & Company, of Cambridge. He had a brilliant career overseas during World War II, and holds the rank of major in the United States Army Reserve Corps. Since his return to civilian life he has taken an active part in community affairs.

He was born in Cambridge on October 22, 1916, the son of Wilbur R. and Reba (Mitchell) Dashiell. Wilbur R. Dashiell (q. v.) has been active in the real estate business in Cambridge for some thirty-five years, also operates an insurance agency, and has numerous other interests.

Hamilton Lee Dashiell attended the local public schools, graduating from Cambridge High School, after which he took a commercial course at Strayer's Business College. He became associated with his father

in the real estate and insurance firm, W. R. Dashiell & Company. He has been with this business ever since except for six years of military service. In addition to his course at the Strayer's Business College, however, he has at various times attended and graduated from three insurance courses given by the Travelers Insurance Company at Hartford, Connecticut.

In 1940 Mr. Dashiell enlisted in the District of Columbia National Guard as a private. One month after Pearl Harbor he volunteered for overseas service in the United States Army. He acted as secretary on the transport. Then he was sent through the British International School in Egypt, and the Army War College, Adjutant-General's School, and graduated from the Third Corps Area Service School No. 7. He served as secretary to the General Staff in Egypt for two years, after which he was sent to the Far East, where he served as deputy chief of staff in Korea. He was also active in the staff work at the Teheran Conference. He was overseas a total of four years and was discharged in 1946 with the rank of major, but continues in the United States Army Reserve Corps with the same rank. He became the first World War II veteran commander of the Cambridge Post of the American Legion, and has served also as vice commander of the Maryland American Legion.

Mr. Dashiell plays a very active role in community affairs in Cambridge. He is committeeman for Boy Scout Troop 159. He belongs to the Zion Methodist Church, and serves as general superintendent of its Sunday school. In politics he is a registered Democrat. He belongs to the Cambridge Country Club, and Cambridge Lodge, No. 66, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and with the various York Rite Masonic bodies in Cambridge, and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Baltimore. He is also a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On August 6, 1949, Hamilton Lee Dashiell was married to Medora Lee Byrn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lambert Byrn, Jr., of Cambridge and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mantz of Braddock Heights and Senator and Mrs. Samuel Byrn of Cambridge.

**S. EARL WEBSTER**, who conducts a pharmacy in Cambridge, was born in Crapo on March 15, 1904, the son of S. D. and Willie I. (Wroten) Webster, both born in Dorchester County. S. D. Webster followed the sea and farmed until 1916 when he moved his family to Cambridge and worked at Nathan's Furniture Store until his death.

S. Earl Webster was educated in the local public schools and the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, from which he graduated in 1927. At the age of fourteen he went to work in Mr. Grayson Craig's pharmacy on Poplar Street in Cambridge, and has been associated with this store ever since. While he was a student he worked in the pharmacy part-time, and after his graduation he devoted his full time to it. In 1933, six years after Mr. Webster had completed his pharmaceutical course at the University of Maryland, Mr. Craig died, and he then purchased the store and has continued to operate it up to the present time. He handles a full line of drugs, cosmetics, and patent medicines, and has a large prescription business.

Mr. Webster is a member of the Maryland Board of Pharmacists, the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association, the American Pharmaceutical Association, and







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*Roland B Lowell*





the National Association of Retail Druggists. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce and the United States Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the Cambridge Yacht Club, and for recreation is keenly devoted to both fishing and baseball, although his work demands so much of his time he has little to devote to either. He attends the Methodist Church.

He married, on April 17, 1928, Evelyn Robinson of Taylors Island, the daughter of Joseph L. and Alexina (Navy) Robinson of Taylors Island.

**D. FLOYD BRINSFIELD** of Rhodesdale, one of the active farmers of his region for many years, has now sold his machinery and is leasing most of his land. Mr. Brinsfield has been a member of the Maryland Houses of Delegates since 1934 and is now serving as chairman of the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries committee. He has always taken an active part in the affairs of his community, and finds his time well occupied with his various interests.

He was born on January 18, 1895, in Vienna, Maryland, the son of Daniel H. and Cleona (Hurley) Brinsfield, both of Vienna and now both deceased, his father a farmer.

D. Floyd Brinsfield received his education in the public schools of Vienna. After leaving school he farmed with his father until World War I, when he served with the 310th Machine Gun Battalion of the 79th Division. Discharged in 1919, he engaged in work as a mechanic an in trucking until 1927 when he returned to farming in a small way. He was successful and gradually acquired more land until he was farming seven hundred and fifty acres. Mr. Brinsfield's main crop was cantaloupes, although he raised some other truck crops and also grain. He served for several years as director of the Farm Bureau. A Democrat and always keenly interested in the affairs of his community, Mr. Brinsfield was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1934, and he has served in the Assembly ever since. He heads the important committee having to do with Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. In 1947 Mr. Brinsfield finally sold his farm machinery and leased most of his acreage, although he retained some land on which he is raising wheat. He now holds the concession for a school bus, which he operates for the part of the year when school is in session, insofar as his duties at the Assembly permit. Mr. Brinsfield is a member of Dorchester Post No. 91, American Legion, and fraternally is affiliated with Choptank Lodge No. 138, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at East New Market, and is a member of the Past Masters Association of Dorchester and Caroline counties. He is also a member of the Grange. His chief hobbies are fishing and gunning, and he has some fine modern guns in his collection.

He married on February 24, 1920, Lottie R. Robinson of Sharptown, the daughter of Willis B. and Ella J. (Vincent) Robinson, both of Sharptown, the former deceased, having been eighty-one when he died. Lottie R. (Robinson) Brinsfield is a member of the Eastern Star and of the Cambridge Maryland Hospital Auxiliary and is a past president of the Homemakers Club, secretary of the Garden Club and extremely active in Red Cross work.

**COVINGTON D. POWELL**, treasurer of the Adkins Company, large Eastern Shore firm dealing in lumber and building materials, has been associated with that concern for nearly thirty years. Mr. Powell's

headquarters are at the plant in Berlin; and in that community he has won the high regard of business colleagues and other citizens, is prominently identified with their organizations, and was elected mayor of Berlin during the 1930s.

Mr. Powell was born December 7, 1887, in Powellville, Wicomico County, and is a son of John L. and Sallie E. (Rayne) Powell. His father was also a native of that town, was born December 7, 1853, and died at Berlin in July, 1927. He was a farmer by occupation, and represented his district in the legislature, being a Democrat in his politics. John L. Powell was also judge of the orphans' court of Wicomico County for three terms. His wife, the former Sallie E. Rayne, was born in Powellville June 4, 1859, and died there on March 10, 1921.

After obtaining a public grade and high school education in his native town, Covington D. Powell learned telegraphy under George C. Johnson in 1903, and utilized this skill as an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Berlin from 1904. He continued with the railroad until March, 1921, advancing to clerk and operator. At the end of that time, he terminated his connection with the railroad, and entered the employ of the Adkins Company as a shipping clerk, being connected with the plant at Berlin from the beginning of his service with the company. The quality of his work marked him for advancement, and in June, 1926, Mr. Powell was given the responsible position of general manager and secretary. In February, 1946, he was promoted to treasurer of the company, which office he retains at the present time. The Berlin plant is a branch of the Adkins Company of Salisbury, which has a long and excellent record among Eastern Shore industries. At the Berlin branch, thirty-five persons are employed.

Mr. Powell, who is a Democrat standing high in the councils of his party, was elected mayor of the city of Berlin in 1932, and served until 1936. He is a member of the Berlin Business Men's Association, and of the Middle Atlantic Lumbermen's Association. A communicant of the Presbyterian Church, he serves that religious body as an elder.

At Libertytown, Maryland, February 6, 1907, Covington D. Powell married Alberta C. Burbage, who was born near Berlin, and is a daughter of William N. and Cecelia H. (Baker) Burbage. Both of Mrs. Powell's parents are natives of Maryland, her father having been born near Berlin, and her mother near Showell. Mr. and Mrs. Powell are the parents of: 1. Ella B., born at Berlin, August 11, 1908. She is married to Dr. Frank R. Lewis of Willards, and they have two children, John C., and Frank R., Jr. 2. Roland Burbage, a record of whom follows.

The family resides in Berlin, and Mr. Powell's business address is 307 North Main Street in that city.

**ROLAND BURBAGE POWELL**, secretary and manager of the Adkins Company's Berlin plant, has been associated with this company throughout his career, and while still a young man has earned an excellent reputation among Eastern Shore business men.

Born April 18, 1915, in Berlin, Mr. Powell is a son of Covington D. Powell, who has been engaged in the lumber business throughout his life. After attending public grade school in his native Berlin, and spending a year and a half at Berlin High School, Roland Burbage Powell completed his secondary education at Fishburne Military Preparatory School at Waynesboro, Virginia, where he was a member of the class

of 1934, and thereafter attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute for one year. He has since been associated, except for the period of World War II, with the Adkins Company, which engages in the retail sale of lumber and building materials, and has won its place as one of the most significant of Eastern Shore industrial enterprises. Mr. Powell has shown a marked aptitude for the business, and has advanced to responsible positions, being at the present time secretary and manager of the Berlin division of the company. With this plant Mr. Powell has been identified since his first connection with the Adkins Company. The Berlin plant now employs approximately thirty-five persons.

During World War II, Mr. Powell served for a period of four months in the United States Army. He is a Democrat in his politics, and a member of the Presbyterian Church of Berlin, which congregation he serves as treasurer. Mr. Powell is also a member of the Lions Club. His favorite outdoor diversion is hunting.

In Berlin, February, 1942, Roland Burbage Powell married Etta Lynch of that city, daughter of Irving and Charlotte (Elliott) Lynch. Mr. and Mrs. Powell are the parents of three daughters: 1. Charlotte Cecilia. 2. Nancy Jane. 3. Cheryl Elizabeth.

**WALTER WHITE CLAGGETT**—Through two fields of interest, Walter White Claggett has become known to his fellow citizens on the Eastern Shore—his practice of the law and his work as business manager of the Easton Yankees Baseball Team, farm club of the New York Yankees. Mr. Claggett, whose home and offices are at Easton, is also known for his activity in club and fraternal circles.

He was born at Easton on March 18, 1919, the son of Dr. Thomas J. and Elizabeth (Tylor) Claggett. His father, a native of Frederick, Maryland, is a dentist; his mother is a native of Talbot County, Maryland.

The lawyer began his education in the elementary schools of his native community. Following his graduation from the Easton High School, he went to Washington College, from which he was graduated in 1940 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For his legal training Mr. Claggett studied at the University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1945.

Admitted to the Maryland State Bar in April, 1946, Mr. Claggett immediately launched himself upon a private practice of his profession, and soon had a reputation throughout the Eastern Shore. Recently he organized The Retail Credit Bureau, operating from his office in the Masonic Building, Easton. He has been active in War and Savings Bond Drives on the Shore and in his county, and in the Maryland State and other bar associations. His baseball team, the Easton Yankees, with a large popular following, is a member of the Eastern Shore League.

Mr. Claggett is a member of Coats Lodge, No. 102, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Lions Club of Easton, the Talbot Country Club, and the Easton Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Active in the Religious Society of Friends, he is a treasurer at Easton. In politics Mr. Claggett is a Democrat. Baseball and guns are his hobbies and his recreations.

On October 6, 1947, Mr. Claggett married Agnes G. Slaughter, daughter of James G. and Eva (Callahan) Slaughter, all of Talbot County, where they were born.

**RUTH REGINA STARTT**—A native of Easton, Ruth Regina Startt is registrar of wills for Talbot County, with her headquarters at Easton.

The daughter of the late Edward Kenley and Nora G. (Steward) Startt, Ruth Regina Startt is a native of Easton. Her father, born in Queen Annes County, is deceased; her mother is, like her daughter, a native of Talbot County.

Miss Startt went to St. Joseph's College after completing her preparatory education in Easton's elementary and high schools. She received the degree of Bachelor of Science from St. Joseph's in 1933.

For a year after taking her degree she taught in the high school department of the college. On December 1, 1934, Miss Startt was appointed to a position as deputy registrar of wills in the Talbot County administration at Easton. On April 15, 1948, after the death of the registrar, Robert A. Dodson, she was appointed to succeed him.

In politics, Ruth Regina Startt is a Democrat, and she is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church of Saints Peter and Paul at Easton.

**FRANK WATERS SETH**, a New York City shipping executive, was born at Emerson Point Farm, McDaniel, Talbot County, Maryland on August 4, 1885. He was the son of the late Dr. James and Julia Taylor (Orem) Seth. He graduated from St. Michaels High School in 1903.

He worked with the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Maryland Shell Fish Commission, and the State Road Commission serving as the first County Road Engineer for Talbot County. He then took a position with the General Navigation Company of New York City. During the first World War he was connected with the United States Shipping Board which he served until the end of the war. He was next employed by the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company in whose service he continued until his death on October 11, 1947. Mr. Seth was also at the time of his death vice president of the Transport Trading and Terminal Corporation, a New York shipping firm, and vice president of the Connecticut Terminal Company of New London, Connecticut.

Mr. Seth married Natalie Mitchell in New York City, November 5, 1927. Mrs. Seth, a genealogist, and active in many patriotic and historic societies, came from a distinguished New England family. They had no children. He was a Methodist, and a member of the Maryland and Delaware Historical Societies. He had one sister, Sara—Mrs. Raymond B. Clark, of Chestertown, Maryland, who survives him, and four brothers: James, at one time connected with the publishing business, deceased; Joseph B., M.D., deceased; Robert L., in the coal business at St. Michaels, Maryland; and Julien O., a successful corporation lawyer in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Mr. Seth had lived in White Plains, New York for a number of years. He died after a brief illness at the White Plains Hospital, October 11, 1947, at the age of sixty-two. He was buried in White Plains Cemetery.

#### A Brief Sketch of the Seth Family

Mr. Seth came from a prominent Talbot County family who have been active in many phases of community life. His mother, Julia Taylor Orem, was the daughter of a prosperous planter, Nicholas Orem and his wife, Sara Seth, who lived near St. Michaels. His father, Dr. James Seth, was the son of Alexander Hamilton and Martha Ann (Haddaway) Seth. Alexander H. Seth, besides being a farmer on "Lancashire,"



the old Haddaway home since the 1680s and of which he gained possession through marriage, served as a member of the House of Delegates. Mr. Seth's father was a prominent physician practicing from his home in McDaniel and later in St. Michaels. He attended the West River Classical Institute, and the University of Maryland where he graduated in 1865. He was active in the Methodist Episcopal Church where he served on the official board, and in politics, having been appointed a member of the county school board. Joseph Bruff Seth, an uncle of Frank W. Seth and son of Alexander H. Seth, also was very interested in politics. After becoming a lawyer and practicing first in Baltimore, and later in Easton, he served several terms in the House of Delegates like his father, and for two terms was chosen Speaker of that body. In 1906 he was elected president of the State Senate for the 1906-08 session. He was also commander of the State Fishery Force, adjutant general on three successive Governors' staffs, mayor of Easton, founder and president of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railroad, organizer and first president of the board of trustees of Memorial Hospital, Easton, and among other business interests and organizations, the author of a book of his recollections of the Eastern Shore.

The Seth family traces their ancestry to Jacobus Seth, who, according to the Duke of York records, was given a patent of land for five hundred acres called "Timber Ridge" near the town of Lewes, Delaware, today. Jacobus was naturalized in 1684. He then bought a tract of land in Dorchester County, called Huntington, from John Richardson. After this, he married Barbara Beckwith and then bought the property known as Mount Mill from Peter Sayer, which earlier had been surveyed for Robert Morris, in Talbot County, but now in Queen Annes County and called today Bloomingdale.

Barbara Beckwith's mother was Frances Harvey. Her father, Nicholas Harvey, was one of the gentry who came over on the "Ark and the Dove" with Lord Baltimore, in 1634. He was a relative of Governor Harvey of the Virginia colony. Nicholas Harvey was given a tract of land on the south side of the Patuxent River, opposite Point Patience, which contained one thousand acres and which was patented under the name of "St. Joseph's Manor." He sat in the first Assembly of the colony at St. Mary's, and continued to do so until his death in 1642. He was very active in the affairs of the colony as is evidenced by his being commissioned to raise a company to go against the Indians, this being one of the first military commissions issued in Maryland. (See Vol. II of the Maryland Archives.) His will bequeathed to his daughter, Frances, "Personality," meaning all his property and estate, and is one of the shortest wills on file in the records. Frances married Captain George Beckwith, who likewise came from a titled English family, and whose ancestors settled in Virginia. Barbara, one of the daughters of Captain George and Frances Beckwith, married Jacobus Seth. They lived at Bloomingdale. Their descendants lived there for almost one hundred years. One of them, a James Seth, married Sarah Lambdin, who had inherited the beautiful estate in Bay Hundred District of Talbot County, called "Hebron."

Other prominent ancestors of the Seths include Thomas Impey, who lived at "Cromwell" which was near Tilghman's Island, who was one of the first clerks of the Court for Talbot County. Another was John Kersey, a wealthy planter who owned "Mary's Delight" or "Webley" as it is now called, a beautiful

old mansion facing the Chesapeake Bay with a good view of Annapolis. One of his four daughters married Dr. Absalom Thompson, who in time inherited the estate and established the first hospital in Talbot County and on the Eastern Shore, which has caused many legends to be circulated about it. His wife also conducted the first Methodist Sunday school in this part of the county.

Since early time the members of the Seth family have lived up to their rich heritage by serving notably in many endeavors, law, medicine, business, agriculture, politics, just to name a few. Although more scattered today they are continuing to carry on the family tradition.

#### HENRY JAMES BRITTINGHAM ROBERTS

is president of the Southern Materials Corporation of Virginia, which position is the culmination of many years of managerial experience in the materials and building field. His entire career since graduation from college has been devoted to heading such enterprises, once as partner, and twice as president. The Southern Materials Corporation of Virginia, which serves the cause of construction work in Virginia and the eastern Carolinas, has numerous plants and offices located in Virginia, and produces a large and steadily increasing volume of concrete materials.

Mr. Roberts, who was born at Clara, in Wicomico County, October 14, 1903, is the son of Henry White and Ruby (Toadvine) Roberts. His father, a farmer, roadbuilder and canner, vice president and treasurer of the Southern Materials Corporation, member of the Maryland Legislature and the Wicomico County school board, was born in Wicomico County, February 17, 1876. He was a son of James Massey and Olivia (White) Roberts. He entered the roadbuilding business in 1922 as head of the Roberts Paving Company, which grew to one of the largest concerns of its kind in the eastern United States, with activities centering in the states of Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Louisiana. Also in 1922 he became a member of the Maryland State Legislature, and was the choice of his party as candidate for the State Senate, in the 1934 primary, losing the election by a small number of votes. In his political views he is an old-line Democrat, is highly regarded on the Eastern Shore as one of its most prominent citizens, and among business men as being an astute and able leader, and a man of scrupulous integrity. He takes a vital interest in all religious and civic matters. He married Ruby Toadvine of Wicomico County, and they are the parents of two daughters in addition to Henry Brittingham Roberts: Margaret Roberts Harris, of Washington, D. C., and Miss Ellen Roberts, who lives in Salisbury.

Henry Brittingham Roberts attended St. John's College at Annapolis, and completed his education at the University of Maryland, College Park. He then became associated as a partner in the Roberts Paving Company in 1923, remaining with that concern until 1938. Concurrently with the latter years of this connection, he was president of the Capitol Materials Company, Incorporated, from 1932 to 1938. In 1938 he assumed the presidency of the Southern Materials Corporation of Virginia. This company has plants and offices at Norfolk, Richmond and Varina, and has a production capacity of over ten thousand tons daily from which batched, and ready-mixed, concrete materials are delivered. The plants are major sources of concrete aggregates for construction work in Vir-



ginia and eastern North Carolina. Undeviating in its standards of customer service, the company offers a quality product whose standards assure that which is most sought in concrete materials: permanence. Its large plants are impressive in their modernity and efficiency. The necessarily vast amount of equipment maintained by the company include over one hundred pieces of marine equipment, barges, etc. Extensive dredging operations are carried on, under on-the-spot supervision.

Henry Brittingham Roberts belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Commonwealth Club of Richmond, Virginia, and the Baltimore Yacht Club of Middle River, Maryland. He attends the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Roberts has an interest in cartography. He owns a map, one of the first originals of the Colony of Virginia, which is attributed to Captain John Smith. Published about 1612, it is one of the first delineations of this territory, which considerably exceeded in area the bounds of the present state.

At Mount Vernon, in Somerset County, Maryland, on January 16, 1924, Henry James Brittingham Roberts married Elsie Holland, daughter of William T., Sr., and Laura (Barbon) Holland. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have two sons: 1. Henry Brittingham, Jr., born September 29, 1929. 2. Frederick Neasden, born December 13, 1938.

**CHARLES ELLIOT WHEELER**—A tax specialist, Charles Elliot Wheeler of Easton is rapidly achieving prominence in the bar on the Eastern Shore. A veteran of World War II, he has achieved leadership among other veterans in the region, and in social and civic affairs. He is a former attorney for the Tax Court of the United States at Washington, and former law clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Wheeler was born in Easton on April 18, 1917, the son of Elliot and Adrienne (Tracy) Wheeler. His father is a native of Chicago, Illinois, while his mother, who died some years ago, was born in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. Wheeler received his early education in the elementary schools of Easton and at Woodberry Forest School, Orange, Virginia. In 1940 he received his degree of Bachelor of Science at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and the following year that of Bachelor of Laws.

Upon his admission to the Maryland State Bar in 1941, Mr. Wheeler accepted an appointment as law clerk under Chief Judge D. Lawrence Groner in the United States Court of Appeals at Washington. A year later he became an attorney for the Tax Court of the United States in Washington and soon thereafter he entered the United States Navy. Commissioned an ensign, he served in World War II and somewhat thereafter, receiving his discharge in 1946. For three months after his return to civilian life he was again with the Tax Court of the United States, but then resigned to come to the Eastern Shore and establish himself in the private practice of law, handling a general practice but specializing in tax matters. He is a partner of Colonel Edward T. Miller at Easton.

Aside from his activity in the Maryland State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, Mr. Wheeler is in the forefront of civic programs. He has been vice commander of the American Legion post in

Easton and is secretary-treasurer of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club and a member of the Tred Avon Yacht Club. He is also a member of the Hamilton Street Club of Baltimore, and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He is Republican in politics.

Mr. Wheeler married Jean Elisabeth Hammond, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William T. Hammond of Easton, on December 23, 1939. Three children have been born to the marriage: Adrienne T., on December 15, 1941; Jeanne L., on July 1, 1945, and Susan E., on June 24, 1947.

**CALVIN LeROY SKINNER**—An outstanding citizen of the Eastern Shore, Calvin LeRoy Skinner is also well-known in the food industry, especially the packing branches, throughout the East. Formerly a teacher of vocational agriculture and a member of the staff of the Federal Land Bank at Baltimore, he is now secretary of the Tri-State Packers Association, with offices in Easton. His duties include the editing of the association's semi-monthly organ, the "Tri-State Informer." A leader in civic affairs, Mr. Skinner's name is identified in Talbot County with the Boy Scout movement, zoning and municipal beautification, and health and welfare.

Mr. Skinner was born in Wilmington, Delaware, on June 8, 1916, the son of Roy W. and Addie (Watling) Skinner. His father, a native of Barclay, is a farmer; his mother was born at Goldsboro.

Calvin Skinner was educated in the elementary and high schools of Sudlersville and at the University of Maryland. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science from the university in 1938. For two years after completing his education he taught vocational agriculture at Cordova and this was followed by a year's service with the Federal Land Bank in Baltimore. In 1941 Mr. Skinner became assistant secretary of the Tri-State Packers Association in Easton and two years later was promoted to his present office of secretary. Aside from helping to develop the association and the large and important segment of the food industry which it represents, Mr. Skinner is active in representing it before the public. The paper he edits, the "Tri-State Informer," appears twice a month.

He was chairman of the Tri-County District of the Boy Scouts of America and is a member of the board of directors and vice president of the Easton Memorial Hospital, a member of the Easton Planning and Zoning Commission, and president of the town council of Easton. In his church, Calvary Methodist of Easton, Mr. Skinner is a member of the official board. Among organizations with which he is affiliated are the Institute of Food Technologists, the Rotary Club of Easton, being a past secretary-treasurer, and president; the Talbot County Business Men's Association; the American 4-H All Stars, being a past chief of the state chapter; the Maryland Chapter of the Future Farmers of America, being past president of the state chapter; and Alpha Zeta fraternity. He is an independent Democrat.

On July 31, 1938, Mr. Skinner married Eleanor Stevens of Barclay, daughter of James Clayland and Helen (Roe) Stevens, both of whom were born in Queen Annes County. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner are the parents of two children: Calvin LeRoy Skinner, Jr., born on June 11, 1942; and Janet Louise Skinner, born on August 17, 1944.

**CHARLES WILLIAM BENNETT**—For many years Charles William Bennett was associated with Kennesly & Mitchell Clothiers in Salisbury and





*E. L. McKee, Jr.*



since 1936 he has been secretary and treasurer of the Bennett Drug Company. Mr. Bennett has been elected county treasurer in Wicomico County five times and is filling the office at the present time. He is very prominent in fraternal circles, being a Past Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Maryland as well as a member of all Masonic bodies up to the Lodge of Perfection. He is now a Thirty-second degree Mason. He is also District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Maryland and the District of Columbia in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

He was born August 12, 1881, at Mardela Springs, the son of Samuel W. and Sallie E. (Venables) Bennett of Mardela Springs. His father was a contractor and builder in Mardela.

Charles William Bennett attended the public schools of Mardela Springs and the Goldey Business College in Wilmington. After six months' experience as a bookkeeper for the Jackson Weisch Short Company in Salisbury, he entered the employ of Kennesly & Mitchell Clothiers and remained with this concern until the building was destroyed by fire in 1944. Meantime, however, in 1936 he had purchased a drug store business for his son Charles William Bennett, Jr., who had just graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and while continuing his position with Kennesly & Mitchell he was actively interested in the drug business in association with his son. Charles William Bennett, Jr., is president of the Bennett Drug Company, while Charles William Bennett, Sr., is secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Bennett has always taken an interest in local affairs, and as long ago as 1918 he was elected by his fellow citizens to serve in the Maryland Legislature. He served for one two-year term. In 1930 he was elected treasurer of Wicomico County, and he has now been elected county treasurer for five times and is still continuing to serve the people of the county in this capacity. Fraternally Mr. Bennett is affiliated with Newton Lodge, No. 56, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with Wicomico Lodge, No. 91, Free and Accepted Masons and all other Masonic bodies up to the Lodge of Perfection, and he is a Past Grand Master of Maryland. He is also affiliated with Salisbury Lodge, No. 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is Past Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Maryland and the District of Columbia. He is a member of the Bethesda Methodist Church.

On June 7, 1911, at Easton, he married Nettie Hardin, the daughter of R. Bascum and Anna (Smith) Hardin. Her father was a farmer near Dover Bridge, in Talbot County. Mr. and Mrs. Charles William Bennett, Sr., have one son, Charles William Bennett, Jr., born March 7, 1913, in Salisbury, Maryland. He is a graduate of the Salisbury High School and in 1933 was graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Charles William Bennett, Jr., is president of the Bennett Drug Company on West Main Street, Salisbury. He married Isabel Johnson of Salisbury in 1939, and they have two children: 1. Charles William, III, born March 30, 1940. 2. Thomas Lee Johnson, born March 18, 1944.

**EDWARD L. McCABE, JR.**—Widely known for his operations in the grain business of Snow Hill, Edward L. McCabe, Jr., has gained an enviable reputation. His integrity and business acumen are recog-

nized by his many colleagues and close personal friends.

Mr. McCabe was born March 16, 1918, at Selbyville, Delaware, son of Edward L. and Florence (Grise) McCabe. The father, who was born November 15, 1888, at Selbyville, was a prominent grain dealer there and was a Republican in political affiliation. The mother was born at Berlin, Maryland.

Edward L. McCabe, Jr., attended the public schools of his native town, and, in 1936, was graduated from high school there.

After completing his formal training, Mr. McCabe went into the grain business for himself under the name of E. L. McCabe, Jr., and Company. As a leading grain dealer the firm handles a complete line of Purina and Macco feeds and grains. In addition to this successful grain business, he also operates a paint and hardware enterprise in which he uses four trucks and employs sixteen helpers. Mr. McCabe's diversified activities include the raising of Black Angus cattle on his nine hundred-acre farm, and the milling of grain which he purchases from nearby farmers. His grain developments include branches at Nelsonia, Virginia, and at Selbyville, Delaware.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. McCabe is active in the fraternal and civic life of his community. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons in which he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of Perfection, the Chesapeake Scottish Rite Consistory, and Boumi Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in which he holds the Thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is also connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is active in the work of the Rotary Club, is a life member of the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, and is a member of the West Palm Beach Fishing Club. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and in religious faith adheres to the Methodist Church.

On June 1, 1938, at Snow Hill, Maryland, Edward L. McCabe, Jr., married Belle Scarborough, daughter of Paul W. and Estelle Scarborough. Her father was born at Girdletree, Maryland, and her mother was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mrs. McCabe was born March 26, 1918. Mr. and Mrs. McCabe became the parents of the following children: 1. Edward L., 3rd, who was born March 31, 1940. 2. Paul Scarborough, who was born January 28, 1942. Both children were born at Snow Hill, Maryland.

**RICHARD HARRISON COLLINS, JR.**, co-publisher and editor of the "Kent County News" of Chestertown since the merging, in January, 1946, of the "Kent News" and the "Chestertown Transcript," with which he and his father had long been associated, is one of Chestertown's business men and has served as president of both the Chestertown Rotary Club and the Chestertown Business Men's Association. Mr. Collins has had a wide variety of experience, since he is a graduate engineer and held several posts in marine engineering as well as seeing service in both the first and second World Wars.

He was born May 12, 1897, in Chestertown, the son of Richard Harrison and Elizabeth Harding (Roberts) Collins. His father, Richard Harrison Collins (q. v.), was publisher of the "Chestertown Transcript" from 1888 until his death in 1935. Three brothers are Judge Stephen Roberts Collins (q. v.), John Harding Collins, and William Salisbury Collins.

Richard Harrison Collins, Jr., attended the public

schools of Chestertown, graduating from the Chestertown High School in 1915. He then entered Pratt Institute, in Brooklyn, New York, where he took an engineering course, graduating from this institute in 1917. While there he was a prominent member of the Southern Club, and during the two summers of his engineering course he gained experience by working at various jobs. In 1917 Mr. Collins entered the United States Army aviation section of the Signal Corps and spent a year in army service, receiving his discharge in 1918 at the end of World War I. He then became a marine engineer and for the next three years served in this capacity with the United States Shipping Board and various steamship companies. In 1921 he returned to Chestertown and became associated with his father in the publishing of the "Chestertown Transcript." After his father's death in 1939, he continued to publish this historic old newspaper until, in January, 1946, it was merged with an even older newspaper of Kent County, the "Kent News," which dates back to 1823 and is thus one of the oldest in the nation. After the merger, the jointly owned paper took the name of the "Kent County News" and Mr. Collins became co-publisher and editor. Meanwhile, during World War II he had seen service in the United States Army Transport Corps Water Division as chief engineer. He was discharged from the army in November, 1945, shortly before the merger was arranged. Since that time he has been actively engaged in the management and editing of the paper. He is a member of the Del-Mar and Maryland Press Associations, a member and past president of the Chestertown Business Men's Association, past president also of the Rotary Club, and a member of the American Legion. He serves as director of the First National Bank of Chestertown. His religious affiliations are with the Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

He married, on April 2, 1932, Margaret Elizabeth Sollers, a native of Baltimore.

**RICHARD HARRISON COLLINS, SR.**—One of those citizens of a previous generation whom Kent County and the whole upper Eastern Shore will long remember was the late Richard Harrison Collins, Sr., publisher of the "Chestertown Transcript" from the year 1888 until his death in February, 1935.

He was born September 16, 1859, in Queen Annes County, and though he spent a few years of his long life working in northern cities and a few years in Florida for the benefit of his health while still a comparatively young man, by far the largest part of his seventy-six years were lived on the Eastern Shore. He began his newspaper career in 1877, working for the "Centerville Observer," and gained his fundamental experience and training on this paper, staying with it until 1881. For the next three years he worked on large metropolitan newspapers in both Baltimore and Philadelphia. Then, in 1884, because of ailing health, he moved to the state of Florida and lived there for two years, but recovered and returned to Maryland in 1886. His next move was to New York City, where he was one of the founders of Croft Collins & Company. But in 1888 he was back in Maryland, and together with Charles C. Hopper he purchased the "Chestertown Transcript" newspaper property. This paper already had something of a following, but under the able management of Richard Collins Sr., it was soon playing an increasingly important part in the life of the community it served. He continued to publish it until his death in February, 1935, and during the latter years of his life he was

fortunate in having the assistance of his sons Richard Harrison Collins, Jr., (q. v.), and William Salisbury Collins. The tradition of the old "Chestertown Transcript" still survives today as an integral part of the "Kent County News," which was established at the beginning of 1946 as a result of the merger of the "Kent News" and "Chestertown Transcript."

Richard Harrison Collins, Sr., married on September 14, 1893, Elizabeth Harding Roberts of Chestertown, and they had five children: a daughter who died in infancy; Judge Stephen Roberts Collins (q. v.), born January 13, 1896; Richard Harrison Collins, Jr., (q. v.), born May 12, 1897; John Harding Collins, an engineer with the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company; and William S. Collins, co-publisher, and an editor of the "Kent County News."

**DOROTHY PACA**—One of the most interesting and versatile business women in all Maryland is Dorothy Paca, proprietor of the Paca Dress Shop of Chestertown and owner of "Kentfields," Quaker Neck. Miss Paca has had a distinguished career on the concert stage and in the field of radio, and has many literary connections. She is as well-known in Chestertown for her kind heart as for her business acumen and wide knowledge of the world.

She was born in Baltimore, the daughter of the late William Henry Smith Paca and great-great-granddaughter of William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence and twice governor of Maryland, who settled on the Eastern Shore in pre-Revolutionary times. William Henry Smith Paca was born in Baltimore on August 27, 1863. He was an electrical engineer and one of the pioneers in the telephone industry; he directed the building of early lines on the Eastern Shore. He was a staunch member of the Episcopal Church, a member of the Rotary Club, for many years a member of the Oil City, Pennsylvania school board and a member and on occasion president of the chamber of commerce of the same city. Up until his death, on August 23, 1939, he was one of the outstanding citizens of Chestertown. He married, on September 15, 1890, Florence Ruth Winchester, also a native of Baltimore, who was born July 2, 1871, and died April 17, 1942. Mr. and Mrs. Paca had four children: 1. Ruth Moyer, who married James Woodburn; they have three children: Ruth Elizabeth, James, Jr., and Michael. 2. Helen, who died at the age of eleven. 3. William Winchester Paca, who is a colonel in the United States Marine Corps. He married Helen Poor, and they had one son, William Winchester, Jr. Later he married Louise Leake, and they have one son, David Warfield Paca. 4. Dorothy Paca.

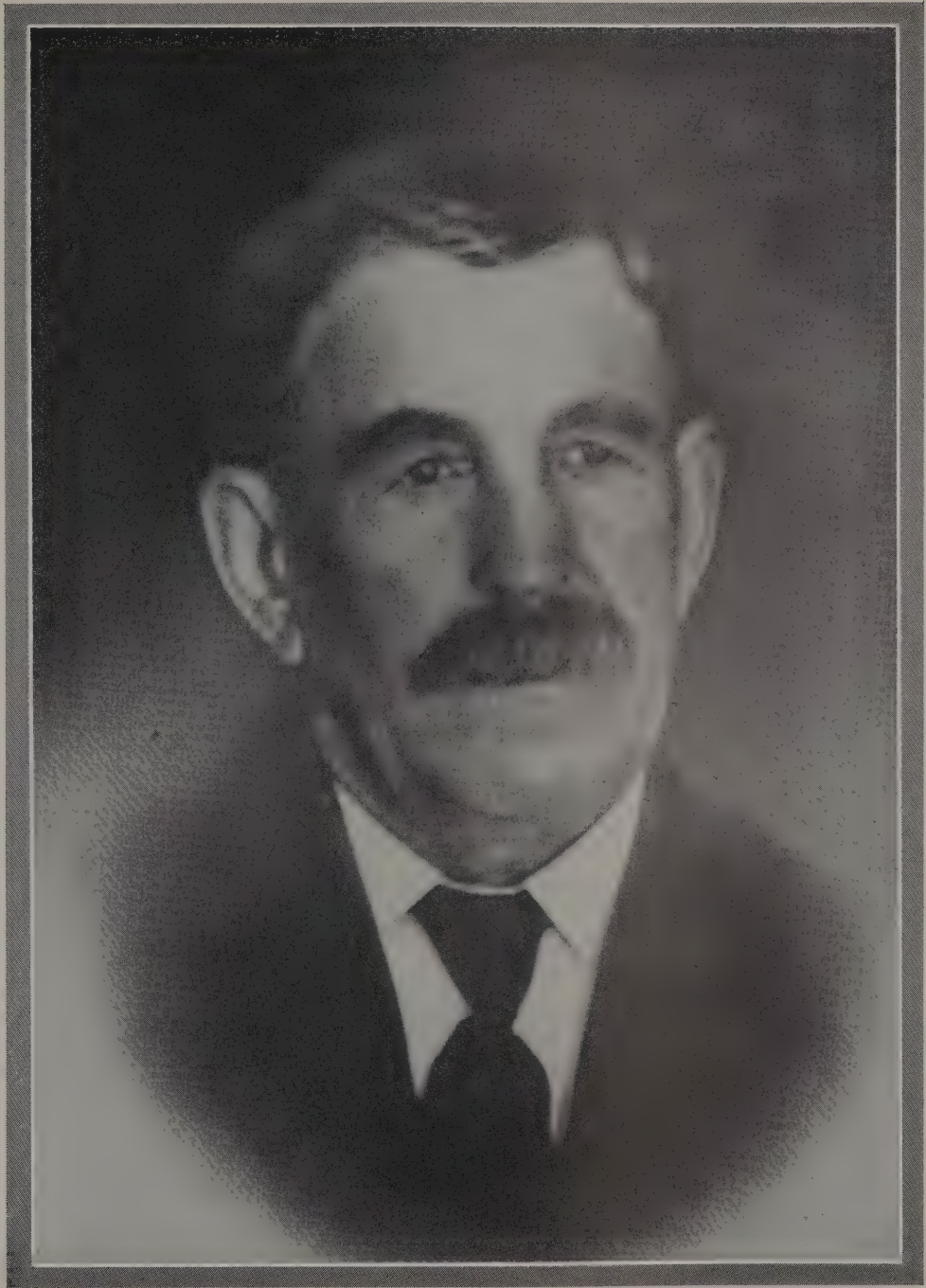
Dorothy Paca obtained her preliminary education in the public schools of Oil City, Pennsylvania. She then studied at Notre Dame in Baltimore, where she graduated. While in Baltimore Miss Paca studied voice and general musical subjects including languages under Professor Lucian L. Odend'hal, at the Peabody Conservatory, and later, in New York City, she studied with the well-known teacher A. Phillips and with Madame Renard. In due course she went abroad to complete her studies, first taking work at Fontainebleau and afterwards in Paris. Returning to the United States, she embarked upon a concert career in New York and also appeared on tour in many of the country's largest cities. She specialized in folk music and appeared frequently in costume; also she sang in the Gilbert and Sullivan operas and appeared with Shubert's organization.







Clay M. Webb



*Albert Webb*





Later Miss Paca entered the radio field in the capacity of manager for Station WLBW at Oil City, Pennsylvania, a post that appealed to her love of rich and varied experience. After making a success of this, she went to Boston to do her own broadcasting as "Jean Sargent" over Station WNAC and also to be director of women's and children's programs for that station.

After an illness, Miss Paca sought recuperation in a quieter life and became for a time manager of the Dartmouth Book Store and later of the Brookline Branch of the Old Corner Book Store. She then went to Philadelphia to become assistant to the advertising manager of the Lippincott Publishing Company and held this post until the death of her father in 1939 called her home to assume the responsibilities of "Kentfields," Quaker Neck. She moved to "Kentfields" and in February, 1940 opened the Paca Dress Shop in Chestertown, the largest ladies' ready to wear shop in the upper Eastern Shore region. Although actively engaged in the business of making her dress shop a success, Miss Paca has not forsaken her musical and literary interests. She sings in the old St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Chestertown, and she recently served as editor of a volume written by Dr. Esther Dole, professor of history at Washington College. She is a member of both the Daughters of the American Revolution and the more exclusive organization known as the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. She is, however, engaged in living not in the past but in the present, and is "known for her many benevolent acts."

**CLAY McALLISTER WEBB**—The diversified and extensive enterprises of Clay McAllister Webb mark him as a leader in one of the Eastern Shore's most widespread industries, that of canning. His products have received popular acceptance throughout the United States.

Mr. Webb came by his interest in the canning industry quite naturally. He was practically brought up in the canning business which his father was operating. Born at Vienna, on June 22, 1888, where he makes his headquarters today, he is the son of Albert and Mary Jane (McAllister) Webb. The family of Mr. Webb has one of the oldest histories on the Eastern Shore, and is allied with such lines as McNamara, Lake, and Hicks, all of whom figure prominently in the Shore's annals.

The history of the firm in recent years is in large measure Mr. Webb's history, for it is his leadership, over the past thirty years, which has shaped the company and directed it into its present course of usefulness and public acceptance. He came with this firm, then operated by his father under the name of Albert Webb, immediately following the conclusion of his school years, and in 1913 became a partner. Upon the retirement of his father in 1918, this now fully qualified young man took the helm alone, and has led the company since that time and of which he is now sole owner.

This cannery, as well as the company's executive offices, is located today in Vienna, and from here its products are shipped all over the United States, and are identified by discriminating purchasers in the nation's markets by the "Bob White" label. The firm's heaviest volume of business is in tomatoes, but production is diversified: corn, wheat, string beans, lima beans, sweet and white potatoes and watermelons are numbered among the products, and their quality checked carefully and maintained at a high level to

merit the "Bob White" brand. The cannery is modern in every respect, and gives full-time employment to two hundred and fifty people. In conjunction with the canning plant, Mr. Webb operates his own farms, a fact which places him, in matter of acreage, among the largest farmers of Dorchester County. Over one thousand acres of his land are under cultivation, and there are also over a thousand acres which are, so to speak, "in reserve" as timberland. The farms add another fifteen to fifty employees, depending upon the season, to Mr. Webb's payroll.

Joining actively in local affairs, Mr. Webb has been recognized as a leader here too. He has become vice president, chairman and director of the advisory committee of the Vienna branch of the County Trust Company of Maryland, and has always been active in Farm Bureau activities. The pleasant Eastern Shore countryside has in Mr. Webb a devotee of its fine gunning prospects, and he takes particular enjoyment in the bagging of quail and ducks. In political affiliation, Mr. Webb is a Democrat, and he served for twelve years on the county board of education.

On February 17, 1915, Clay McAllister Webb was married to Nellie Moore Webster, of Vienna, daughter of Winfield Webster. Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Webb are: 1. Albert Walter, born February 14, 1916, graduated from the local schools, also from Pierce Business School of Philadelphia, and from the University of Maryland, with Bachelor of Science degree, class of 1936, served in the United States Navy with the grade of seaman, first class, is married, and the father of a daughter, Linda Ann. 2. Clay McAllister, Jr., born January 18, 1917, a graduate of the local schools and of the University of Maryland with Bachelor of Science degree, class of 1937, Cornell University class of 1938, Master's degree; served in World War II as captain in the United States Army Air Corps, married Helen R. Rasmussen, and they are the parents of one child, Clay McAllister, III. 3. Margaret Ann, born February 26, 1922, graduated from the local schools and from William and Mary College, Bachelor of Science degree, class of 1943, married, June 26, 1948 at Vienna, Maryland, Joseph Faires Denniston, 3rd, of Hagerstown, Maryland. 4. Marian, born October 22, 1924, graduated from local schools and William and Mary College, Bachelor of Arts degree, class of 1946, married Jack E. Foster and is the mother of one child, Patricia Ann Foster, born at Baldwin Park, California, December 17, 1947.

**WILLIAM C. FRANCIS**—The life of William C. Francis, business man and president of the Kent County Board of Commissioners, has several aspects that are reminiscent of English tradition that still hold Maryland folk and affairs.

He was born on September 24, 1891, near Rock Hall, the only son and child of Walter and Lilly (Cosden) Francis, his mother passing away in 1908. Walter Francis married (second) May Sutton, and they became the parents of three children: Lloyd, Elizabeth, and Naudain. Educated in country schools, William C. Francis started making a livelihood at an early age, but in the good old way remained at home farming until he arrived at his majority. For about a half dozen years he continued agriculture on his own, and in 1918 opened a general merchandise establishment in Rock Hall. In 1929 he branched out with the self-owned Francis Motor Company, which he has operated for almost twenty years. He deals in the

Chevrolet motor cars and equipment, and does a general automotive business.

Public spirited, Mr. Francis has always co-operated heartily and constructively in civic affairs. For some years he was a member of the Rock Hall County Council, and for several years was mayor of the community. In 1938 he was elected to the Kent County Board of Commissioners; has been twice re-elected and is now (1948) serving his third term in office. Since 1946 he was chosen president of the board, a genuine compliment to his able devotion to the best interests of Kent County. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

William C. Francis married Agnes Quail Lewis, a native of Rock Hall, who taught school for several years prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Francis are the parents of a daughter, June, who married Carl C. Stenger, and is the mother of two children: Judith and Carl C., Jr. The Francis and Lewis families were early settlers on the Eastern Shore.

**FREDERICK APPEL MILLER, M.D.**—Dr. Frederick Appel Miller has had not only varied experience in his preparation for the practice of medicine, but in acquiring this has travelled in many states, and in a number of foreign lands throughout the Western Hemisphere.

Born in Hagerstown, November 9, 1892, he is the son of Harry F. and Ella (Appel) Miller. His father, a native of Washington County, was engaged in the wholesale bottling business, while his mother was born in Cumberland, Allegany County. Frederick Miller attended the public schools and graduated from high school in 1909. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1912 from both St. John's College and the University of Maryland. He studied medicine at Johns Hopkins University, and received there the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1917.

Dr. Miller then served an internship of one year at the Women's Hospital of Maryland in Baltimore. In 1918 he served a brief period in the Medical Corps, in which he held a commission as first lieutenant. Late that same year he was given a leave of absence to become associated with the Rockefeller Foundation in public health work.

Remaining with this organization until 1925 gave Dr. Miller the opportunity for wide travel, and much invaluable experience. His duties took him to the states of Mississippi, North Carolina, and Alabama in addition to his native Maryland; and to Costa Rica, the Republic of Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. During this time he did much work in parasitology, and made extensive studies of yellow fever.

When, in 1925, he terminated his connection with the Rockefeller Foundation, Dr. Miller settled down to a general practice in Hagerstown. He remained in this, his home town, until 1933. At that time he decided upon further medical studies, and went to the New York Polyclinic Hospital and School of Medicine, where he took a nine months' postgraduate course in eye, ear, nose, and throat diseases.

Upon coming back to Maryland, Dr. Miller established practice in Cambridge, specializing in otorhinolaryngology. His practice has continued in that city until the present time, and he has accepted several appointments. He is assistant chief of staff of the Cambridge Hospital, and is a consultant in ophthalmology at the Eastern Shore State Hospital at Cambridge. He does considerable work for the Veterans Administration, and has been for seven years chairman of the local welfare board. Dr. Miller is a mem-

ber of the Cambridge County Medical Society, the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, and the American Medical Association.

When the time comes for recreation, Dr. Miller enjoys such varied pastimes as fishing, shooting, and bridge. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Phi Chi, medical fraternity, the Cambridge Yacht Club, and the Rotary. He holds membership in Welcome Lodge No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons, in Bogota, Colombia, is a past master of that lodge, and is also a member of the Royal Arch Chapter in that city. He attends Christ Episcopal Church.

On June 30, 1928, Dr. Frederick A. Miller married Eloise Steel Henry, daughter of C. J. Henry of Dorchester County.

**J. LOREN STERLING**—One of the partners of the Milbourne Oyster Company of Crisfield is J. Loren Sterling, who is in charge of the office work and sales organization of this well established sea food concern, one of the best known of the Eastern Shore. Mr. Sterling is a veteran of World War II and saw active service on the Italian Front. He takes a prominent part in local civic affairs.

He was born in Crisfield on November 13, 1910, the son of John T. and Sadie (Landon) Sterling, both natives of Crisfield. His father was a waterman and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

J. Loren Sterling attended the Crisfield public schools, graduating from Crisfield High School in 1928. That same year he entered the employ of the L. R. Carson Seafood Company, where he gained his initial experience. A year later, however, he accepted a position as a clerk with the Milbourne Oyster Company, and has been associated with this concern ever since, except that his business career was interrupted by service in the United States Army during World War II. He enlisted in March, 1943, and was sent to Africa and later to Italy, serving in the 34th Division, 168th Regiment, Company D, and participating in the Italian campaign. He received his honorable discharge in December, 1945, and the following month was made a partner in the Milbourne Oyster Company. This concern, engaged in the packing and shipping of oysters, crabs and crabmeat and all kinds of sea food products, employs about a hundred people in all, counting office and sales force and the workers in its two plants, the one at Crisfield and the other near Stockton.

Mr. Sterling is a member of the Crisfield Rotary Club and is currently serving as its secretary. He also belongs to the local post of the American Legion and to the Chamber of Commerce, and can be counted on to lend his active support to any worth-while community project. He is a member of the official board of the Asbury Methodist Church, and his political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

He married at Crisfield on August 21, 1935, Elizabeth Ward, a native of Crisfield and the daughter of J. Thomas and Elizabeth (Mason) Ward, both natives of Crisfield.

**RALPH ARDIS ROSS**—The name of Ralph Ardis Ross has been associated with southern Maryland enterprises since his young manhood. He is a native of Pocomoke City, as were his parents and several generations before him, and makes his business headquarters and home in this community, in the affairs of which he is active.





*Ralph L. Ross*





Born on June 27, 1887, he is the son of Edward and Nettie (Ardis) Ross, both of whom are now deceased. His mother was born March 8, 1861, in Virginia, and died January 13, 1938 at Pocomoke City, Maryland. His father, born October 9, 1860, at Pocomoke City, Maryland, died there on May 19, 1932. The elder man was a prominent citizen of Worcester County, a contractor and builder, who had served as Judge of the Orphans Court, and for two terms as mayor of Pocomoke City. He was also exceptionally well-known in fraternal circles by his affiliations with the Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Improved Order of Red Men.

Ralph A. Ross completed his education in the Pocomoke City schools and as early as 1912 worked for a time with his father in the contracting trade. From 1913 to 1918, he was associated with Quince Ashburn, at Pocomoke, in the builders' supplies business. He then went with the Peninsula Produce Exchange and spent some of his most active years, 1918-1929 with that organization. Since 1929, however, he has been an executive of the William B. Tilghman Company, of Salisbury and Pocomoke City. During all of this period he has been manager of the Pocomoke plant of the concern, of which he also is a director. He likewise is representative of Quality Products, Incorporated, distributors of Continental Oil products.

Mr. Ross is a member of the board of directors of the Citizens National Bank and a trustee of the Pocomoke High School. In line with some of his business enterprises he belongs to, and is secretary of the Del-Mar-Va Fertilizer Manufacturing Association. In political affiliation, Mr. Ross is a Democrat. He is a past president of the Pocomoke Rotary Club, and past president of the Pocomoke Business Men's Association, is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of the Winter Quarters Country Club. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

On January 4, 1912, at Pocomoke City, Maryland, Ralph Ardis Ross married Louise Barnes, who was born in Princess Anne, Maryland, daughter of Benjamin and Daisy (Lankford) Barnes, both natives of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Ross are the parents of one son, Ralph A., Jr., born in Princess Anne, May 31, 1913, who married, January 7, 1943, Kathryn Anderson, of Baltimore, and they have one daughter: Kara Anderson Ross, born at Baltimore, November 11, 1947.

**DORSEY EDWARD DAVIS**—Architecture, engineering, business, and public services have all come within the scope of the activities of Dorsey Edward Davis of Cambridge, Dorchester County, the city in which he was born on September 11, 1895. He is the son of Charles E. and Willie Hooper Brerwood Davis, both natives of Dorchester County, and now deceased. His father was a well-known builder in Cambridge. Mrs. Willie Hooper Brerwood Davis was a direct descendant from William Hooper, a signer from North Carolina of the Declaration of Independence.

Dorsey Edward Davis prepared himself for a professional education in the grammar and high schools of his birth city, and entered the Maryland Institute, where he was graduated with the class of 1924, a Bachelor of Science in Architecture. He became associated with the large construction firm of George

Morris and Company, of Baltimore, remaining there for several years before returning to Cambridge, where he joined Charles E. Brohawn and Company, a connection that was continued for ten years. In 1933 he entered the employ of the Phillips Packing Company as engineer and chief of maintenance.

Mr. Davis has been associated with the large Phillips corporation down to the present writing. Notably public spirited, he has been prominent in civic affairs for more than a decade. His abilities and experience have been drafted by the Municipality of Cambridge, of which he has been the mayor for four years. During the eight previous years he was a city commissioner. At all times of his citizenship in the Dorchester County seat, he has advocated and promoted numerous measures planned for the larger development of the community and the best interests of its people. He is a communicant of the Southern Methodist Church. For recreation he enjoys sports in general.

On June 5, 1920, Dorsey Edward Davis married Maude B. McAlister, of Vienna, Maryland, and they are the parents of one son: Charles N., born in 1925, a graduate of Cambridge High School; he attended the University of Maryland for two years before enlisting in the United States Army Air Corps, where he served for three years, World War II. He is now manager of the Cambridge Memorial Company.

**FRANCIS G. BARTLETT**, state agent for the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company of Baltimore, with a district embracing the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, is also active in the real estate business in and around Easton, operating under the name of Bartlett Realty Company. Mr. Bartlett takes a very active part in community affairs.

He was born in Baltimore on October 9, 1898, the son of J. Kemp and Mary (Dixon) Bartlett. His father, a native of Kansas who died in October, 1948, was long a well-known attorney of Talbot County; his mother is a native of Talbot County. In 1948, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kemp Talbot celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Francis G. Bartlett was educated in private schools. After leaving school he became associated with the Baltimore office of the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company of that city, and for twelve years he remained with the Baltimore office before coming to Easton as state agent for the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia for that organization. He has continued in the same capacity ever since and has a very active business. In addition, in August, 1945, he embarked upon a venture of his own known as the Bartlett Realty Company, and in the past two and a half years he has handled all kinds of properties in this region as a real estate dealer. Mr. Bartlett knows the region thoroughly and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He is a vestryman at Christ Episcopal Church, and in politics is a Republican. An ardent yachtsman, he belongs to the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club and the Tred Avon Yacht Club and makes a hobby of fishing and boating.

Francis G. Bartlett married on December 30, 1922, Ruth Murray of Baltimore, formerly of Alabama, the daughter of Bishop John Gardner and Clara (Hunsicker) Murray. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett have three children: 1. Alice Murray, a graduate of Hannah More Academy and Knox Junior College at Coopers-town, New York; she married William Lowry Lane. 2. Francis Gilpin, Jr., who attended private schools

and then became a corporal in the Medical Corps of the United States Army during World War II. 3. John Gardner Murray, a graduate of Severn School and now attending the Maryland Institute of Art.

**DR. JUSTIN CLARK WOOD** has for some years been a chiropractic physician in Salisbury and takes a very active part in civic and social affairs in that community. Having been chairman of the Wicomico County Welfare board, president of the Salisbury Rotary Club, he now serves as president of the official board of Asbury Methodist Church, and is a leading Mason, affiliated with all bodies of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons up to and including the Thirty-second degree.

He was born on September 8, 1897, in Newburgh, New York, the son of George Washington and Jennie Elizabeth Todd Wood, the father a railway superintendent in the freight division.

Justin Clark Wood attended the elementary schools of Newburgh and then Newburgh Academy. He later studied at Mount Hermon School, Mt. Hermon, Massachusetts; the Palmer School of Chiropractic at Davenport, Iowa; and the National College of Chiropractic in Chicago, Illinois. He then entered upon practice as a chiropractic physician. During World War I, Dr. Wood served with the 10th Regiment, Company F, of the National Guard.

Dr. Wood is also active in the various associations of his profession, having served as president of the Maryland Chiropractic Association as well as state director in the National Chiropractic Association for a number of years and a member of the National Council of Education. He is now an executive director of the National Chiropractic Association.

He married on August 17, 1918, at Poughkeepsie, New York, Edna May Decker, the daughter of Charles Andrew and Catherine Elizabeth Decker. Dr. and Mrs. Wood have two daughters: Lois Edna, born September 17, 1924; and Judith Ann, born March 12, 1929, both alumnae of Duke University.

**EUGENE POWELL MATTHEWS**—As a practical business man and public-spirited citizen of Pocomoke City, Eugene Powell Matthews has contributed constructively to the prosperity and progress of his community. Born near Pocomoke City, Somerset County, on May 25, 1887, he is the son of Francis Emerson and Sarah Elizabeth (Powell) Matthews, his mother also born in this county. The father, born near Odessa, Delaware, was a farmer who also was county commissioner of Somerset County for four years. After attending grade schools Eugene P. Matthews attended Beacom Business College at Wilmington, Delaware, and for several years worked on his father's farm. In 1921-22 he became assistant manager of the Peninsula Produce Exchange, but about a year later established his own general produce business, handling both fruits and vegetables. During the busy season of tomatoes and potatoes his concerns employ upwards of fifty people. In 1940, in association with L. C. Young as partner, the two men inaugurated a business of canning tomatoes. Their factory located at Princess Anne, Maryland, employs one hundred and twenty or more people in the busy season. Mr. Matthews also owns an eighty-six-acre farm in Worcester County, where he does general farming.

Active in civic affairs and a Democrat in his political belief, Eugene Powell Matthews was president of the Democratic State Central Committee for eight years,

1937 to 1945. On August 31, 1943, he was made Worcester County Commissioner, appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Charles Masons, and was elected to this post in 1946 for a term of four years. He is a director of the County Trust Company, a member of the National League of Commission Merchants and the Tri-State Packers Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the higher bodies of the order, having attained the Thirty-second degree. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a past president of the Lions Club, and member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, which he serves as a vestryman.

On December 9, 1908, at Pocomoke City, Maryland, Eugene Powell Matthews married Sadie Hayman, born in Somerset County, daughter of Warren B. and Hannah (Davis) Hayman, both natives of Somerset County. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews are the parents of the following children: 1. Francis Eugene, born in Somerset County, May 30, 1917, who was killed in action in the Battle of the Bulge, World War II. 2. Warren Douglas, born in Somerset County, March 15, 1919, who married Sibyl Thompson, of Swainsboro, Georgia, and they have two children: Marilyn and Frank. He is associated with his father in the canning business.

**ALFRED W. G. HOGE** has been connected with banking in Cambridge for many years, and is now cashier of the Peoples Loan, Savings and Deposit Bank, having been with that institution since it was organized. He is active in banking circles, and in civic life.

Mr. Hoge's parents, William and Eliza (Fischer) Hoge, were both born in Germany, and came to the United States in 1868. William Hoge was a farmer. Their son Alfred was born in Blue Earth County, near Minnesota Lake, Minnesota, on March 3, 1892. The family moved to Cambridge, Maryland, in 1898, and here Alfred Hoge attended public schools. He received his career training early, for as a boy he was employed in the National Bank of Cambridge, working there from 1910 until 1913. In the latter year, the Peoples Loan, Savings and Deposit Bank was organized, and Mr. Hoge became associated with it and has remained there since. He began as a clerk, in 1915 was made assistant cashier, and held that position until January, 1946, when he became cashier. Mr. Hoge has served two years as chairman of Group Six of the Maryland Bankers Association. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is active in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was for fourteen years secretary. Although he is a member of the Evangelical Reformed Church, he attends locally the Zion Methodist. Mr. Hoge devotes considerable interest to his hobby, antique furniture.

On August 15, 1928, Alfred W. G. Hoge married Julia Steele Ruark of Cambridge. She was the daughter of William Wesley and Julia (Hooper) Ruark.

**LIDA OREM MEREDITH, M.D.**—In a profession whose ranks do not as yet include a high proportion of women, Dr. Lida Orem Meredith has built a sound practice, and through her numerous activities has an excellent record of service.

She is a native of Dorchester County, being the daughter of the late McKenny W. and Gertrude (Vickers) Meredith.

Dr. Meredith is a graduate of the Cambridge High School; Western Maryland College; and the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine (University of



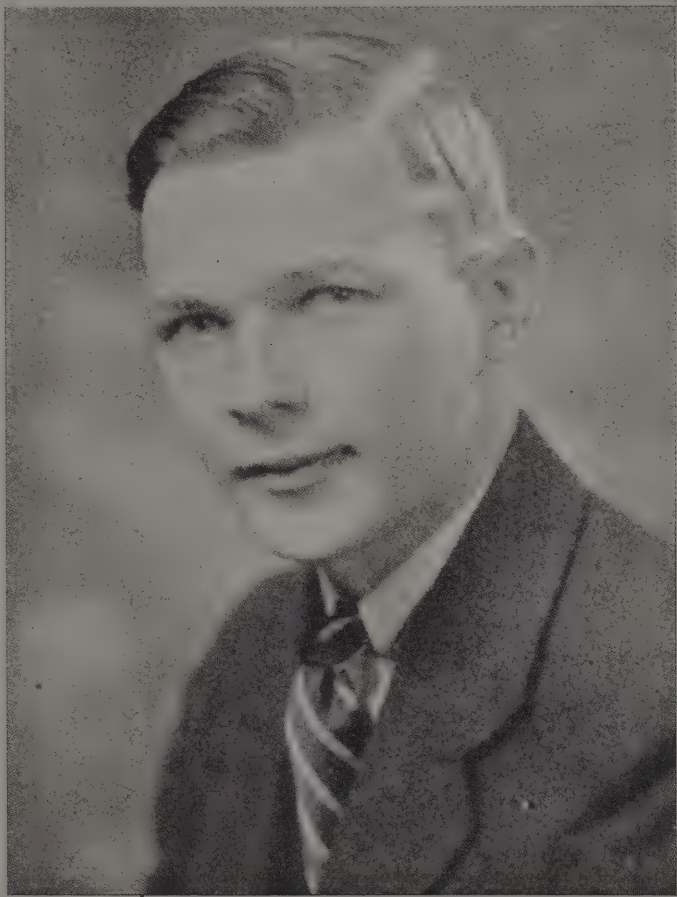


*Eugene P. Matthews,*









W. Douglas Matthews



*Francis C. Matthews*





London). She is a member of the Royal College of Surgeons (England), and holds the diploma of the Royal College of Physicians (London).

She has taken postgraduate work in London, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, and for one year was engaged in medical research with the Chemical Warfare Service at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. Since her return to Cambridge in 1934, she has been engaged in general practice.

Dr. Meredith's hobby is book-collecting, and her library is a book-lover's paradise.

**J. PORTER MATTHEWS** is a young man of Easton who has made rapid progress in the banking profession. His place in the business life of the community is a secure one, and fellow townsmen have found him a likely man to fill positions of civic responsibility.

Mr. Matthews is a native of Easton, born April 30, 1912, son of James F. and Georgia (Porter) Matthews. His father was engaged in the sheet metal and plumbing business in Easton, and his mother was a native of Centerville. Both are living. Following education in the public and high schools, J. Porter Matthews continued further studies through the American Institute of Banking, the better to prepare him for the pursuit of his chosen profession. His career in banking began when he was eighteen years old, with his accepting a job as runner in the Easton National Bank. Within two years he became clerk, was subsequently teller, and had been promoted to the position of general bookkeeper when, in 1942, he entered the service of the United States Navy. There his duty was in the services of supply, and he became disbursing storekeeper, serving at several land bases and aboard the destroyer U. S. S. "Norris." In all, his period in the Navy was of a little more than three years' duration.

He returned to civilian life in 1946, and resumed work in the Easton National Bank as assistant cashier. On January 1, 1947 he was advanced to cashier, the position he holds at the present time.

Since his return to Talbot County, Mr. Matthews has been selected treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the county's free library. He headed the final drive for funds conducted on behalf of the United Service Organization, and was the community's treasurer during the last three "March of Dimes" campaigns. Another of the interests motivated by his public-spirited outlook is youth activities, and he also participates actively in Sunday school and church work. A member of the Trinity Methodist Church, he is a former superintendent of the church school, and now serves as president of the Board of Stewards.

Mr. Matthews is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, was master of Coats Lodge No. 102 in 1940, and is affiliated with Talbot Chapter No. 22, Royal Arch Masons. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is Past Noble Grand of Miller Lodge No. 18. His chief recreation is golf, in which he has excelled. In 1939 he won the Eastern Shore Gold Championship in a meet held at Accomac, Virginia. He has been twice club champion of the Talbot County Country Club, of which organization he is secretary-treasurer and has been for nine years a member of the board of governors. In his political beliefs, Mr. Matthews is a Democrat.

On October 5, 1940, J. Porter Matthews married Ann Kreeger, of Chestertown, a daughter of J. S.

and Fannie (Anthony) Kreeger, and a graduate of Washington College in 1933. They are the parents of two children: 1. Richard Porter, born March 22, 1943. 2. Mary Ann, born April 6, 1947.

**EMORY WARNER SLAUGHTER** has been in the banking business in Easton for the greater part of his life, and his exhaustive experience and marked abilities have brought him to the position of vice president and director of the Easton National Bank. He is also well-known in the community through his numerous organizational connections.

Born in Trappe, July 19, 1904, he is the son of Harvey Lee Slaughter, a rural mail carrier and farmer who died November 15, 1941, and of Ellen T. (Warner) Slaughter, of Trappe, who is still living. After completion of his secondary education, Emory Slaughter attended the American Banking Institute for one year, studying banking and law in preparation for his career. His first work was in a drug store in Trappe, and he later drove a dairy truck for one year. At the conclusion of these short-term connections, he entered the employ of the Liberty Bank, June 15, 1922, as assistant cashier; and, on October 15, 1926, joined the Easton National Bank as collection clerk. He has remained with this bank since. He served in various capacities as collection clerk, and general bookkeeper until he was made assistant cashier on January 1, 1941; after only a year at this post was promoted to cashier. His position as vice president dates from January, 1947, and he has been a director since January, 1946.

Mr. Slaughter is associated professionally with the Maryland Bankers Association, being a member of Group Five. He has served his home community in several capacities: as a member of the Talbot County Welfare Board, treasurer of the Talbot County Tubercular Association, and treasurer of the Easton Concert Association. A member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, he served the Coats Lodge No. 102 as its treasurer, and was formerly treasurer of the Talbot County Athletic Association. As recreation he enjoys such active sports as fishing, boating, and golf, and is a member of the Talbot County Country Club. He also belongs to the Rotary of Easton, and to the Business Men's Association. His church is the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal, and he serves this religious body as a member of its official board.

On November 14, 1932, Emory Warner Slaughter married Beatrice Marie Gray of Cambridge, daughter of Raleigh and Marie (Seward) Gray. The Slaughters have one daughter, Drue Ann, born February 1, 1948.

**WILLIAM BROUGHTON LONG, JR., M.D.—** After rendering outstanding service during World War II, for which he received the Presidential Citation, Dr. William Broughton Long, Jr., came to Salisbury in 1946 and opened up offices on North Division Street, where he is practicing general surgery.

Dr. Long was born September 6, 1914 in Princess Anne, the son of William Broughton and Ethel (Miles) Long, his father being a canner and merchant of Westover. After graduating from the Westover elementary school and the Washington High School of Princess Anne, Dr. Long entered the University of Maryland, where he took a premedical course, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then went on to the University of Maryland Medical School for his medical training and in 1937 was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, receiving the Uni-

versity Gold Medal for scholarship. He served his internship and residency at the University Hospital in Baltimore, where he received surgical training from 1937 to 1941. He held a fellowship in surgery at the Lahey Clinic in Boston from 1941 to 1942. He entered the service of the United States Army in April, 1942, with the 42nd General Hospital Unit, and was sent overseas to Australia. In September, 1942, he was sent with the 32nd Division to Port Moresby in a portable surgical hospital, attached to the 1st Battalion, 127th Regiment, which saw service in the Papuan and Buna campaigns in New Guinea in 1942 and 1943. He participated in the Philippines liberation and served in Luzon in 1945 with the 311th General Hospital. In all Dr. Long saw thirty-nine months of service overseas and four years service in the war. He received a Presidential citation for his work and was discharged from the United States Army on April 2, 1946.

Meantime, in 1944, he had become a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and in 1946 he became a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery. In 1946 he came to Salisbury and has since been practicing there as a surgeon. He is a member of the Wicomico County Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and he belongs also to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Maryland Alpha, and Phi Chi medical fraternity. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

He married at Baltimore on June 30, 1941, Mary E. Fowble, the daughter of Dr. Cyril E. and Geneva Fowble. Dr. and Mrs. Long have one son, William Broughton Long, III, born October 7, 1942.

**ELMER E. GOULDMAN**, who heads the Shore Pontiac Company of Salisbury, was born on November 29, 1901, the son of George C. and Katherine (Carlton) Gouldman. His father was a contractor in Baltimore.

Elmer E. Gouldman attended elementary and high school in Baltimore County, after which he entered the employ of the Exportation Transportation Steamship Company in Baltimore in the capacity of a solicitor of ocean-going freight. His next position was with the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company at Akron, Ohio. After leaving this position in 1924 he became associated with the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, with which he was connected for the next twenty years.

In 1944, after twenty years of service with General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Mr. Gouldman moved to Salisbury and took over the agency of the Pontiac sales and service there. This agency operates under the name of the Shore Pontiac Company. It employs fifteen persons. Mr. Gouldman is a member of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club and belongs also to the National Automobile Dealers Association, taking a keen interest in all that pertains to the maintenance of good roads and motor traveling conditions generally. He attends the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally Mr. Gouldman is a Thirty-second degree Mason. He is affiliated with University Lodge, No. 631, of Columbus, Ohio, Free and Accepted Masons, Salisbury Lodge of Perfection, Salisbury Chapter of Rose Croix, Royal Arch Masons, Chesapeake Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Gouldman was chairman of the ration board of Towson, Maryland, during World War II, and was a dollar-a-year man

for the Treasury Department as associate administrator of Maryland with the title of war-savings staff officer of the Secretary and Treasurer of the United States.

He married on July 18, 1928, at Northeast, Maryland, Cecelia Marie Requard, both of whose parents had died when she was an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Gouldman are the parents of one child, Betty Jean, born March 4, 1930.

**WILLIAM C. FINK, M.A.**—Making a career of education, William C. Fink, M.A., has been active in this important calling for nearly a quarter of a century, starting when he was a very young man. For far the larger part of this period he has been the head of the public schools of St. Michaels. In line with the traditions and practices of his profession, he has constantly been to the fore in civic and community affairs, as a member and officer of several organizations.

Born in York County, Pennsylvania, on January 26, 1904, William C. Fink is the son of J. Edward and Sadie A. (Neiman) Fink, both natives of York County. His father, now deceased, was also a teacher who later in life became manager of a Farm-Co-operative store. William C. Fink prepared for college at the York County Academy, York, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Gettysburg College, in the same state, class of 1924, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then began teaching at Delta High school, Delta, Pennsylvania, and a year later came to St. Michaels, where he spent two years. During these years he had been working for his Master of Arts degree at Columbia University, New York City, and upon receiving it in 1928, began eight years of service as principal of schools at Cordova, Maryland.

It was, therefore, with a well-rounded preparation by scholastic attainments and practical experience that in September, 1935, Mr. Fink took over the administration of St. Michaels' public schools as principal. Here he has carried the burden of heavy responsibilities through a difficult period for school systems. It is generally agreed that he has rendered most excellent services to pupils and public. At this writing he is a teacher of science and mathematics at Easton High School.

Understanding full well the advantages of contacts with colleagues, Mr. Fink is a member of the Maryland State Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Education Association, and the Talbot County Teachers Association, of which he is a past president. In civic life he figures prominently as a past president of the St. Michaels Rotary Club; former Commodore of the Miles River Yacht Club; chairman of a local Boy Scout Troop; and chairman of the Fifth War Loan Drive for the St. Michaels area during World War II. Fraternally he is affiliated with Granite Lodge No. 177, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a past master and the current secretary; member of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which he has been the patron for several years; and is a past president of the Tri-County Past Masters Association. He continues his membership in Grace Lutheran Church, at Easton, and was a member of its official board for several terms. He is a Republican in political faith, and for recreation enjoys sports in general.

On August 30, 1925, William C. Fink married Carrie May Seiffert, of Emigsville, York County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Franklin and Ellen (Del-





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linger) Seiffert. Mr. and Mrs. Fink are the parents of a son, Harold Edward, a graduate of Charlotte Hall Military School and now an undergraduate at the University of Maryland.

**CLAUDE FRANKLIN SEWELL** has been a man of varied occupations and successful in all of them. He has followed farming his life long, but has also been active in trucking, the oystering and fishing industries, and boat building. It is in connection with these same interests that the Eastern Shore has become renowned, and it would be difficult to find a man whose activities are more widely representative of this part of the country than are those of Mr. Sewell.

Born in the Bay Hundred District of Talbot County on December 25, 1890, Mr. Sewell is the son of Samuel James and Etta (Richardson) Sewell, his father likewise being a farmer, and both parents natives of Talbot County. In his home locality Claude F. Sewell attended public schools and his education also included much practical learning of the cultivation of the soil. He first farmed with his grandparents until the time he was sixteen years old, then was associated with his father in the same occupation until 1911. At that time he took over the management of Dr. Dawson's farm, which he operated for seven years, when, wishing to become independent, he bought his own farm in McDaniel. This he operated until 1947. Its one hundred and thirty acres were devoted to the cultivation of wheat, corn, tomatoes, and other crops for which the Eastern Shore is well-known. He also owned many head of sheep and cattle.

But agriculture has not comprised the whole of Mr. Sewell's interests. He has also followed the water, and has done considerable trucking of livestock. Since his retirement from farm activities in 1947 he has taken on a new interest, that of building boats, in which occupation his long experience in fishing and oystering activities on the Bay is an invaluable qualification. In the winter months he still engages in oystering, and during all seasons finds in fishing an enjoyable and healthful pursuit.

Prominent in Democratic politics in his home community, Claude F. Sewell has completed his third term as judge of the orphans' court for Talbot County. He is not a member of any club or fraternal order, but is always eager to serve his town in any way, and is devoted to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On January 25, 1911, Claude F. Sewell married Anna Harrison, daughter of William J. and Annie (Williams) Harrison. Her mother lived many years in Sherwood. Mr. and Mrs. Sewell have two children: 1. Maurice Dawson, who attended St. Michaels High School, and is now a quartermaster on a ferry line. He is married to Mary Frances Taylor, and they are the parents of three children, Joanne, Harriet Virginia, and William James. 2. Claudia Olivia, also a graduate of St. Michaels High School, and married to James Levan Bridges. They are the parents of one son, Paul James.

**HAROLD M. MORRIS**—The broiler industry and hatchery business of the Eastern Shore of Maryland finds a prominent representative in Harold M. Morris, owner of the Morris Poultry Farm of Bishopville. He is familiar through long experience with every phase of the business and in fact has instituted various new ideas in connection with the breeding and raising of chickens that have not only been of marked value

in carrying on his own work but have proven of wide benefit to other producers throughout the East. There is much that is stimulating in his life history, for it proves what can be achieved when there is a will to achievement.

Mr. Morris was born in Bishopville, August 21, 1897, a son of William B. and Eva (Hudson) Morris, of whose three children he is the youngest. The mother was born in Selbyville, Delaware, in 1872. The father was born in Sussex County, Delaware, in January, 1868, and became a resident of Bishopville in 1896, here purchasing a farm which he long cultivated and improved, but at the present time he is living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly merits. He is a member of the Methodist Church and fraternally is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. His elder son, William B., Jr., was for twenty-five years engaged in mercantile business in Bishopville but now lives on a part of the original farm of his father and is engaged in the poultry business. Alberta, the only daughter, is the wife of Grover C. Collins, also of Bishopville.

While spending his youthful days under the parental roof, Harold M. Morris began his education in the public schools of Bishopville and then became a student in the high school of Snow Hill, while later he attended Goldey Business College at Wilmington, Delaware. For four years thereafter he was in the employ of the duPont Company at Wilmington and in the fall of 1919 he started in the poultry business at Bishopville, beginning with laying flocks and a few broilers. There being a demand for baby chicks from the quality stock of white leghorns and Barred Rocks which he had at that time, began in the hatchery business about 1922 and this has since been a most important branch now for twenty years. He started with a 5,000-capacity incubator in the cellar of his home and since that time has increased the capacity from year to year until the hatcheries can accommodate 2,360,000 eggs, this being said to be the largest hatchery in the world, while the fame of the Morris Poultry Farm has spread from coast to coast. It is equipped with the latest improvements and devices known to the business. The buildings constitute a plant of mammoth size, expressing the last word in hatchery breeding and the raising of broilers. A day's hatch is 125,000 chicks, this number being produced four times weekly in air-conditioned rooms, providing correct temperature for summer and winter. The average monthly hatch is over a million and a half chicks, the majority of which go to old customers, many of whom have been patrons of the Morris Poultry Farm for years. From his early connection with the business Mr. Morris has kept in touch with every phase of modern incubation and employs incubator technicians. He has the longest row of modern incubators in the world and the buildings and everything about them are spotlessly clean. The broiler plant is equally up to date in every particular and requirement and the farm handles 17,000,000 high-quality broiler chicks annually. Back of all this marvellous and successful achievement, there is a long story of hard work and close attention to the needs and demands of one of the largest and most intensive branches of the poultry industry, and the results have been built on sound business principles, honesty of purpose and satisfaction to customers.

It has always been the purpose of the Morris Poultry Farm to produce chicks of such high quality that



they would sell themselves—a chick that would develop fast and uniformly, have high livability and market preference. That Mr. Morris has succeeded in his purpose is not only shown in the constantly increasing number of his patrons, but in the fact that many of his oldest customers still give him their trade. He produces an ideal cross-bred broiler chick, that, while superior in quality, can be sold at a reasonable price because of the large volume of his business. He has solved many of the problems that confronted poultry raisers of an earlier day and he speaks with authority, from long experience and scientific knowledge, on the questions that arise in connection with the hatching and raising of chicks. His high rating in the industry is widely acknowledged and he is a director of the Del-Mar-Va Poultry Association.

On November 25, 1919, Mr. Morris married Mildred Griffith, daughter of Leslie and Jennie Griffith of Wilmington, and they have one child, Marie. Mr. Morris belongs to the Methodist Church of Bishopville and is neglectful of no duty of citizenship. He finds delight in boating and touring and whether in his home community or elsewhere he is always found to be a genial courteous gentleman, whose salient characteristics have featured largely in his success, although he makes no claim to this and would name hard work as the foundation of his notable achievements in the poultry industry.

**ROY D. FLECKENSTEIN** has, throughout his years as a prominent business man of Easton, been trained in the canning business, in the management of a planing mill and retail lumber concern, and, more recently, in a custom mill which does all kinds of woodworking. He is also a familiar figure in banking circles, and in civic and lodge activities.

Mr. Fleckenstein's father, Leonard Fleckenstein, of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, was at various times during his life a farmer and a canner. He was responsible for the invention of a number of items of canning machinery. He married Addie M. Kauffman, also of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and they were the parents of five children, of whom William N., Harvey K., Minny F. Cover and Elizabeth Simpson were born in Highville, Lancaster County.

The youngest child, Roy D., subject of this account, was born east of the city of Easton on April 10, 1885. He attended the public schools, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, and Strayer-Bryant and Stratton Business College. In his youth he was engaged in the canning business, as his father had been, but he early developed an interest in lumber manufacture. In 1910 he entered business for himself, managing a planing mill and conducting a retail lumber business, operating under the firm name of L. S. Fleckenstein and Son and producing a general line of building materials. This successful business he headed for thirty-six years, selling it in 1946 to the Nuttle Lumber Company. However, he has continued in the custom mill business, employing the full-time labor of several persons in the operation of a firm doing all kinds of woodwork, under the company title of Fleckenstein Service.

Mr. Fleckenstein is a director of the Liberty Bank. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Miller Lodge Encampment, and is active in the good work of the Boy Scouts of America, in which organization he is a committeeman. Additional memberships include the Rotary Club of Easton and the Business Men's Association. He is a member of Calvary Church, and is one of its most devoted

workers, having been a member of the board since 1912. A former Sunday school superintendent, he assists ably in the program of the Sunday school and other community activities. A home hobby which engages his enthusiastic attention is the collection and refinishing of old furniture.

On October 30, 1916, Roy D. Fleckenstein married Edith Dawson of Talbot County, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dawson of "Ingleside Farm" of Trappe. They are the parents of a son, Robert R., graduate of the local schools and of an aircraft school in California, who is now an electrician with Forney's Engineering Service. On October 31, 1948, he married Marjorie Linn, of Trappe; they have one son, Robert Linn, born August 12, 1949.

**MARY CROUSE MELVIN**—A veteran in business, Mrs. Mary (Crouse) Melvin by her own endeavors has proven that she was and is capable of taking a prominent place in the circles usually dominated by men. Her life in its self-reliance, enterprise, idealism and ideas is typical of America at its best and has won her a high place in the esteem and affection of all who know her and her story.

She was born near Dover, Delaware, on the 30th day of December of the year 1875, a daughter of William Shepard and Rosetta (Mourer) Crouse, both of whom are now deceased. Her mother was a native of Westminster, Maryland. Her father a native Marylander, was graduated with the first class of Western Maryland College. He became one of the outstanding teachers of his time. In the last years of his professional career he served as superintendent of public schools in Caroline County, Maryland. It was while he was a teacher in the state of Delaware that his daughter of this record was born.

Mary Crouse received her public school education in St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland, and under the constant tutelage of her father, she quite naturally was influenced and inspired to follow in his footsteps as an educator. After devoting six years of her young womanhood to public school work, she was married on the 30th day of April, 1901, to Howard Melvin, publisher of the "Denton (Md.) Journal," and at once came to know that the "country newspaper is a way of life."

Howard Melvin, scion of Caroline County's original family of Melvin (or Melville), was born November 1st, 1862, a son of Thomas Melvin. His mother was Mary Frances Fisher Melvin. For more than a generation his name and the name of the county-seat newspaper, "Denton Journal," were synonymous. He had become interested in the paper in his youth when employed by an older brother, George T. Melvin, who acquired the Journal in 1876 and whom he succeeded as owner and publisher a decade later. Conforming to Government regulations, he withdrew for a time from active participation in publishing the paper when appointed postmaster of Denton by President Cleveland in 1893, and at the same time he relinquished a part ownership. After his death in 1921, the business was incorporated in the name of Melvin & Johnson. Thus the family name, Melvin, has stood continuously for more than seventy years in the masthead of the century-old "Denton Journal."

As vice president and secretary of the Melvin & Johnson corporation, Mary (Crouse) Melvin is employed full time. She is keenly interested in the country weekly as an organ of the people it serves as well as a worthy business project. In political allegiance she is a Democrat and she holds memberships in the







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Denton Chamber of Commerce and the Business and Professional Women's Club of Caroline County.

An earnest Episcopalian, Mrs. Melvin is a member of Christ Episcopal Church of Denton. Her home, facing the Courthouse Green, occupies the site of the traditional "Martin House" where dwelt Dr. George Martin who made the survey for Caroline's county-seat in 1791. Since 1872 it has been a Melvin home site, the present house thereon having replaced the original which was destroyed by fire in 1895.

Mrs. Melvin's family circle includes two sons and one daughter: Howard Melvin, Jr., and Malcolm Melvin of Baltimore, Maryland, and Mary Frodi, wife of T. S. Arne Frodi, of Gothenburg, Sweden, all of whom continued their studies in institutions of higher learning when public school days in Denton were done. Four granddaughters constitute the family's young generation.

**ARTHUR KEENE AUSTIN**—Agriculture has been the main business interest of Arthur Keene Austin since boyhood. Reared on a farm, he is one of the many Marylanders who have found in the land that which calls for skill and enterprise of judgment, worthy of a man's best endeavors.

Born at Bucktown, Dorchester County, Maryland, on January 23, 1882, Mr. Austin is the son of Colonel George Edward and Emily Frances (Keene) Austin, both natives of this county. His father, born at Union Hall, near Quantico, in March, 1821, died in November, 1912 at the age of ninety-one years. He was active in county politics all his life; was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1867; served in the Maryland Senate for two terms, and was the owner of a large plantation and many slaves. Colonel Austin organized a company of militia for the Confederate Army during the War Between the States, and was commissioned a colonel, later returning to the Eastern Shore where he helped to run the blockade. Emily Frances (Keene) Austin was the daughter of Colonel John Richard Keene, also of Dorchester County.

Educated in the public schools, Arthur Keene Austin remained on the family plantation until 1900 when he began to farm for himself. In 1910 he moved to Mt. Holly, remaining until 1935, at which time he purchased his present farm, formerly the residence of professors of the old Sherman Institute. Mr. Austin has completely renovated the home with all modern conveniences without destroying its old-time charm. On his one hundred acres on the Cambridge-East New Market Road, near Secretary, he raises diversified truck crops, such as asparagus, tomatoes, and others suited to the land and climate. He also is a salesman for the Dorchester Fertilizer Company, and a member of the Farm Bureau. A Democrat in politics, he served in the 1924 session of the Maryland Legislature, and has always taken an active and constructive part in local affairs. For recreation he enjoys duck shooting.

On February 18, 1905, Arthur Keene Austin married Carolyn Mace, daughter of George Albert and Mary Josephine (Tubman) Mace, both parents members of old Dorchester County families. Mr. and Mrs. Austin are the parents of three children: 1. George Edward, born February 11, 1906, who is a graduate of local schools, Georgetown University, the Baltimore College of Commerce and who did graduate work at Ohio State University. He is associated with John H. Dulany & Son, Inc., and is a land owner of this section. 2. Emily Frances, born March 17, 1911, a graduate of local schools and St. Joseph's College; she married John Jerome Reahl, of Baltimore, and

they have one daughter, Carol Ann. 3. Marjorie Josephine, born December 23, 1914; educated in local schools and St. Joseph's College; she married Louis Calta, of New York, and is the mother of one son, James Henry.

**FRANCIS STEWART GRAHAM**, having had experience in both retailing and farming, has chosen the latter as his life work. His is a beautifully situated farm lying in the Horn Point of Dorchester County.

Although a country-dweller by choice, Mr. Graham was born in the city of Baltimore, on February 11, 1901, son of Frank D. and Mary (Shearer) Graham, both of that city. After attending grade and high schools in Baltimore, he became associated with the firm of Miller and Graham, retail paint dealers located there. In that business he remained until 1935, when he bought his present farm.

His original purchase was of one hundred and twenty-five acres. However, he is at the present time successfully operating other rented lands to a total of two hundred and twenty-five acres. His crops are those which have long proven profitable in the area, and for the production of which the soil is peculiarly fitted: wheat, corn, and tomatoes. He has considerable livestock, including cows, sheep, hogs, as well as three hundred chickens and fifty ducks. He has improved to the utmost the possibilities of an enviable location and productive soil, through the use of the most modern equipment.

Mr. Graham's chief hobby also takes him out-of-doors and about the terrain which he finds so pleasant; he is a gunning enthusiast. In political affiliation he is an independent Democrat. He worships at the Presbyterian Church.

On September 27, 1922, Francis Stewart Graham married Helen Poleyette, of Crisfield.

**LEWIS MORRIS MILBOURNE** has filled his long and active life with an almost incredible variety of accomplishments. He has been by turns, farmer, store and packing business operator, broadcasting company executive, and bank official. In the realm of public life, he has served in both chambers of the Maryland Legislature as state auditor, and as chief deputy collector of United States Internal Revenue. Few Eastern Shore residents can equal Mr. Milbourne's record of exemplary leadership in commercial and public life.

Born at Kingston, Somerset County, March 14, 1869, Lewis Morris Milbourne is the son of Robert Henry and Louisa (Miles) Milbourne. His father, a country gentleman, operated several farms and also managed a rural store, dealing in general merchandise. Lewis Morris, subject of this sketch, began his career in the same occupations, after graduation from the Somerset County Public School, the Princess Anne Academy (which is now the Washington High School), and business college, in Utica, New York.

His initial agricultural and merchandising activities proved only a beginning of the varied and interesting occupations with which Lewis Morris Milbourne has filled a remarkable and successful career, which has brought his name to the attention of every well-informed person on the Eastern Shore. After being a farmer and storekeeper, he was progressively in the oyster packing business, canned foods brokerage enterprise, and thence, having made a name for himself in the canning and preserving industry, one of the Eastern Shore's most vital activities, made his entry into public life.

Mr. Milbourne was elected a member of the House of Delegates from Somerset County in the session of 1904. A few years later his fellow citizens of Somerset County elected him state senator, to serve during the sessions 1908-1910. While a member of the state senate, Mr. Milbourne served on most of the important committees and was re-elected to the sessions of 1912-1914. During the session of 1914, he was elected president pro tempore of this higher legislative body. Through the greater part of the intervening years, his name has been identified with capable performance in public office. He was appointed chief deputy collector of internal revenue for the Maryland district, serving from 1914 to 1920, and was thereafter appointed state auditor, an office which he filled from 1921 to 1926. During 1933 and 1934, Mr. Milbourne served as acting collector of United States Internal Revenue.

Some years ago Mr. Milbourne became financially interested in radio broadcasting, and is now president of the Monumental Radio Company, which operates radio station WCAO, "The Voice of Baltimore," which is an affiliate of the Columbia Broadcasting System. Thus the breadth of Mr. Milbourne's interests, and his qualities of leadership in its varied aspects, assure his continuing influence in Eastern Shore affairs.

He is a member of the Blue Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Rotary Club of Baltimore. His religious affiliation is with the Protestant Episcopal Church. In various Eastern Shore communities, Mr. Milbourne has been an influence in banking activities, is past president of the Bank of Marion, and has for a great many years been a director of the Bank of Somerset, in Princess Anne. During 1934 he was president of the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City, an organization composed of from two hundred and fifty to three hundred men who are natives of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

In Baltimore, on January 20, 1898, Lewis Morris Milbourne married Lucretia Alice Acworth Waters, daughter of John Thomas and Mary Amelia (Acworth) Waters. Both the Waters and the Acworth families were prominent early families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Milbourne are the parents of a son, Lewis Waters, (q.v.).

**LEWIS WATERS MILBOURNE** began his career in the real estate business, and later entered the investment field. He has demonstrated the same breadth and variety of interests that has characterized his father, Lewis Morris Milbourne (q.v.), and his influence in the affairs of the Eastern Shore are indicative of a comparable stature. At present, Lewis Waters Milbourne is manager of radio station WCAO, "The Voice of Baltimore." He is prominently identified with the club and fraternal life of the Eastern Shore.

A native of Kingston, Somerset County, Lewis Waters Milbourne was born October 20, 1900, son of Lewis Morris, also a native of that place, and for many years a conspicuous public figure in Eastern Shore life, and of Lucretia Alice Acworth (Waters) Milbourne. He attended Somerset County, Maryland, public school, then entered the Baltimore City College, from which institution he was graduated in 1918. He then entered Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore for one year, after which he enrolled at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia. After spend-

ing three years at this latter institution, he was graduated in 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and with a certificate from the School of Commerce and Business Administration.

Mr. Milbourne's military career, which covered the period of World War I, began when he was a commandant of the Baltimore City College Cadet Corps, during his senior year at that school. He was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps at Johns Hopkins University in 1918-1919, and completed one year of basic officers' training at Camp Lee, Virginia, in 1919. Mr. Milbourne was mustered out of the Reserve Officers Training Corps in the fall of 1919.

Mr. Milbourne entered business life in the real estate brokerage field in Baltimore, in October of 1922, and remained in that business until July, 1925. In that month, he began real estate operations in Florida, during a period of great promise and progress for property development in that state. He remained there until May, 1926. In April, 1927, he became associated with Stein Brothers and Boyce, one of Baltimore's outstanding investment banking firms, remaining there until 1933. From 1933 until 1938, Mr. Milbourne free-lanced in investment activities in Baltimore. In December, 1938, he became manager of radio station WCAO, "The Voice of Baltimore," which office he has retained since.

Mr. Milbourne's father, Lewis Morris Milbourne, purchased the interests of station WCAO some time ago, and is president of the organization which operates it, the Monumental Radio Company. The station is a prime influence, and source of entertainment, among the people of the Eastern Shore.

Fraternally, Lewis Waters Milbourne is affiliated with Pi Kappa Phi, college social fraternity, in which he held the offices of secretary and president in the Washington and Lee Chapter. He is also a member of the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City, and of the Maryland Historical Society. Mr. Milbourne is a member of the Radio Executives Club of New York City. Locally, he belongs to the Hillendale Country Club, the Variety Club of Baltimore, the Young Men's Christian Association of Baltimore, the Fox Island Gunning Club in Virginia, and of the Men's Club of St. Michael's and All Angels Protestant Episcopal Church, which is indicative of his religious affiliation. By way of avocation, Mr. Milbourne has always been an enthusiastic outdoorsman. During his college years, he ran on the cross-country team, played baseball as a pitcher and first baseman, and rowed number three on the crew. Out of college he has won medals for expert marksmanship and numerous trophies in golf tournaments.

Mr. Milbourne has an intimate knowledge and love of every section of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He believes its food to be the world's best. He has fished in every part of Chesapeake Bay, and there is scarcely a river or a section of shoreline on the whole Eastern Shore where he has not enjoyed his preferred sport of duck hunting. Where else, he asks, can one experience more thoroughly, what Stonewall Jackson, in his book "Salute to the Sunrise," terms "the thrill of being and the glory of action."

Mr. Milbourne's address is 1102 North Charles Street, Baltimore.

**NORMAN P. FOSTER**—A wide variety of experience formed the background of Norman P. Foster before he went with the United States Department of Commerce slightly more than fifteen years ago.





*Lawrence Milbourne*





Except for the first three years of this period, he has been associated with the Social Security Administration, currently being Field Manager of Social Security for the entire Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, with headquarters in Salisbury, Maryland.

Mr. Foster was born at Baltimore, son of Percy S. and Louise (Wescott) Foster. His mother, a descendant of the Pitts family, one of the oldest on the Eastern Shore, was born in Accomac County. The father, a native of Richmond, Virginia, after being a musician and retail music merchant for thirty years, became prominent in the mortgage and real estate business. He was also a nationally known conductor of religious choirs and convention choruses. Norman P. Foster was educated in the public and high schools of Washington, D. C., George Washington University and Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, where he was graduated with the degree Bachelor of Arts.

From college Mr. Foster entered the employ of the American Security and Trust Company, of Washington, D. C., as assistant note teller. Then followed some years of newspaper work as a reporter and feature writer on the "Washington Herald," and the "Washington Star." After five years' activity in real estate as advertising manager with Shannon and Luchs, Inc., he spent six years in the retail music trade as secretary of the Foster Piano Company, all the aforesaid being in the national capital city. The further story of his business connections was interrupted by two years' service during World War I, when he joined the United States Army. He was a captain in the Quartermaster Corps, but never was permitted to go overseas, serving in the United States all through the war. Upon returning to civilian life he was for three years in Wall Street, New York City, connected with Curb Exchange brokerage houses. He was in Florida as an advertising man during the real estate boom in the "Sunshine State," but returned to Washington where he continued his real estate connections with several firm up to 1934. At that time he was appointed a Field Manager in the United States Department of Commerce. From 1937 to the present he has been associated with the Social Security Administration. His record as a Government official has been of the highest order and his personal popularity in his field of operations exceptionally noteworthy.

He is a past president of the Rotary Club of Salisbury; his college fraternity is Theta Delta Chi, and he is a member of the Baptist denomination. He is also a member of the Green Hill Yacht and Country Club.

On February 19, 1936, at Richmond, Norman P. Foster married Hazel L. Powell, daughter of William H. and Laura Powell. Mrs. Foster was a native of Savannah, Georgia.

**WILLIAM JOSHUA STURGIS, M.D.,** has through a number of years gained a sound reputation for successful medical practice on the Eastern Shore, his address being Nassawadox, Virginia. He is a prominent member of professional associations, and a vital influence in community affairs.

A notable ancestry is to be found in the descent of both Dr. Sturgis and his wife the former Mary Grayson Nottingham. Dr. Sturgis, who was born November 5, 1878, is a son of William Henry Harrison and Elizabeth Ann (Gunter) Sturgis, and a grandson of James and Vienna (Wescott) Sturgis. His father, who was born October 22, 1842, and who died June

20, 1903, married Elizabeth Ann Gunter, daughter of Captain Laban J. and Isabella (Chandler) Gunter; the former born May 7, 1814, died October 21, 1865; his wife born October 19, 1813, died November 15, 1872. Elizabeth Ann (Gunter) Sturgis was born December 12, 1844, and died June 13, 1915.

His preliminary education concluded, William Joshua Sturgis undertook his academic training at William and Mary College, and afterwards entered the Medical College of Virginia, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He has practiced throughout his professional career in Franktown and Nassawadox, and in addition to his private practice has ably filled many other appointments. Dr. Sturgis has been a medical official in the United States Public Health Service, a member of the Association of Military Surgeons, is former president of the Northampton County Medical Society, is a member of the Medical Society of Virginia and the American Medical Association; an ex-member of the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council on Rural Medical Facilities; ex-clerk of the Northampton County School Board; founder of the Northampton-Accomac Memorial Hospital, and president of its board of trustees. He is a deacon of Red Bank Baptist Church. Dr. Sturgis is also a member of the lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

On November 28, 1907, Dr. William Joshua Sturgis married Mary Grayson Nottingham.

#### (The Nottingham Line)

(I) Thomas J. Nottingham, a descendant of Sir Richard Nottingham, first of this family on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, married Mary Ann Scott, who died June 29, 1885, daughter of Thomas M. and Susan (Hunt) Scott.

(II) John Edward Nottingham was born August 8, 1838, and died August 3, 1916.

He married, November 12, 1884, Mary Catherine Wood. (Wood VI.)

(III) Mary Grayson Nottingham was born November 18, 1886. She married William Joshua Sturgis, M.D.

#### (The Wood Line)

(I) Josiah Wood was born about 1700, and was living as late as 1792.

He married Mary, whose surname is not known.

(II) Major William Wood was born about 1720, and died in 1808.

(III) Isaac Wood was born about 1745, and died after 1776.

He married, about 1760, Susan Grayson, daughter of Captain William and Ann (Smith) Grayson.

(IV) John Wood was born in 1763, and died in 1843. He married, October 9, 1788, Mary Terrell. (Terrell II.)

(V) Jerome B. Wood was born December 27, 1809, and died August 20, 1884.

He married Catherine Elizabeth Brown. (Brown III.)

(VI) Mary Catherine Wood was born October 6, 1855, and died November 4, 1932.

She married John Edward Nottingham. (Nottingham II.)

#### (The Brown Line)

(I) Andrew Brown died in 1804.

He married Mary Anderson, living in 1809.

(II) John Brown married Mrs. Martha Watson in 1816; died 1845.

(III) Catherine Elizabeth Brown was born September 14, 1821, and died September 5, 1856.

She married Jerome B. Wood. (Wood V.)

(The Terrell Line)

Data in the possession of Mary Grayson (Nottingham) Sturgis contain an extensive pedigree of the Terrell family reaching back through some eighty-seven generations of nobility and royalty. The family was established in America by William Terrell who settled in New Kent County, Virginia, early in the seventeenth century.

(I) Reuben Terrell, of the fourth generation of the American family and of the eighty-third generation of the extended lineage, died in 1776.

He married, in 1750, Mildred Walker.

(II) Mary Terrell was born in 1756 and died in 1812. She married John Wood. (Wood IV.)

Mary Grayson (Nottingham) Sturgis received her degree of Bachelor of Arts from Hollins College in 1905. She is a member of the Hollins Alumnae Association; president of the Eastern Shore Chapter of the Hollins Alumnae; member of the Woman's Club; ex-president of the Woman's Club of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and a member of its board of governors; ex-bi-county secretary of the woman's auxiliary of the Northampton-Accomac Memorial Hospital; ex-secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union; Auxiliary to the Accomac Baptist Association; member of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, and of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and president of the Northampton-Accomac Medical Auxiliary.

Dr. and Mrs. Sturgis became the parents of three children: 1. William Joshua, Jr., M.D., born December 13, 1908. He is a graduate of the Franktown-Nassawadox High School, 1925; William and Mary College, Bachelor of Arts, 1930; and the University of Virginia, Doctor of Medicine, 1934. He served his internship at the Church Home and Infirmary in Baltimore in 1935 and spent the following five years in residence at Johns Hopkins Hospital, being Resident Gynecologist in 1940. He volunteered for service in World War II and, as a captain in the Medical Corps, was assigned to the 110th Maryland Field Artillery. Later promoted to the rank of major, he was a surgeon in the 94th Evacuation Hospital of the Fifth Army through the Italian campaign from Salerno to the surrender. He is now surgeon on the staff of the Northampton-Accomac Memorial Hospital. He married, December 30, 1938, Katharine Glasgow. She was born June 21, 1910. Children: i. Susan, born October 5, 1941. ii. Christopher Starr, born August 13, 1946. 2. John Edward Nottingham, born March 5, 1916. He is a graduate of Franktown-Nassawadox High School, William and Mary College and Randolph-Macon College. During World War II, he was a transportation specialist. He married, August 24, 1942, Anne Elizabeth Ward. She was born December 24, 1922. Children: i. Mary Anne, born October 29, 1943. ii. John Edward Nottingham, Jr., born February 15, 1946. 3. Mary Catherine, born February 17, 1919. She is a graduate of Franktown-Nassawadox High School and she received her Bachelor of Science degree in education from the State Teachers College at Farmville, Virginia, in 1940. She married, September 22, 1945, Douglas Harman Crockett, M.D. He is seventh in direct line from David Crockett of Alamo fame. Child: i. Caroline King, born December 18, 1947.

**EDWARD DUFFIELD MARTIN**—As a lawyer in the city of Baltimore, Edward Duffield Martin holds an excellent reputation based on thirty-five years of sound practice, general in its scope, though perhaps special in testamentary law and equity. To this professional activity has been added extensive participation, as member or official, in a number of organizations.

His father, William Richardson Martin, before him an attorney-at-law, practiced at Easton, Talbot County, until his election as associate judge of the Second Judicial District of Maryland. Elected in November, 1897, he served until his death, September 5, 1906. He married Frances Starr, and their son, Edward Duffield, was born in Easton on December 7, 1888. His sister some years ago became, and is now, a member of the St. Mary's Sisterhood at Peekskill, New York. After graduating in 1907 from the University School for Boys (Marston's), Mr. Martin attended Johns Hopkins University, where he took his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1911, and his Master of Arts degree in 1914. He completed his study of the law at the University of Maryland, taking his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1913, and winning the thesis prize for his discussion of the "Separation of Governmental Powers."

Since being admitted to the practice of law in the state of Maryland in 1913, Mr. Martin has practiced almost without interruption in the city of Baltimore. He joined the United States Navy, however, during World War I, the greater part of his duty being in the Office of Naval Intelligence in Norfolk, Virginia. He has also, from time to time, engaged in legal practice in a number of the counties of Maryland. During World War II, Mr. Martin served first on one of Baltimore's advisory draft boards, and later as an associate appeal agent.

Mr. Martin is a member of the Star Spangled Banner Flag House Association, having been a director of that society from 1933 to 1942, and its president from 1942 to 1946. He was also president, in 1931, of the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City, in which organization he still takes an active interest. He is also a member of the Maryland Historical Society, and from time to time writes book reviews for its quarterly magazine. His fraternity is the Alpha Delta Phi, Johns Hopkins Chapter. Clubs of which Mr. Martin is a member are the Bachelors' Cotillon and the Johns Hopkins Club, both of Baltimore. His church is St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal, Baltimore, and in his political affiliation he is an independent Democrat.

Edward Duffield Martin married, in Baltimore, on September 20, 1943, Elizabeth Baldwin Tinges, the daughter of the late Howard and Margaret (Webster) Tinges.

**RALPH ROBINSON**—Among the sons of Maryland, one of the ablest as well as one of the most genial and cultured was the late Ralph Robinson, who practiced his profession of law in Baltimore for well over half a century. His death on February 15, 1947, in his eightieth year, was mourned by a host of friends, as well as by his immediate family. He will be sorely missed, for he was one of those rare men who "seemed never to grow old."

Ralph Robinson was born June 1, 1867 at "Waverly," the Robinson family estate on the Chester River in Queen Annes County, the son of Judge John



Mitchell and Mariana Stoughton (Emory) Robinson. The names of many of the distinguished families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland occur in his ancestry—Bennett, Emory, Hemsley, Lloyd, Mitchell, and Tilghman.

Ralph Robinson's father, Judge John Mitchell Robinson, was one of Maryland's outstanding jurists. Admitted to the bar in 1849, he began the practice of his profession in Centerville. He served successively as Deputy Attorney General for the counties of Queen Annes and Kent, as State's Attorney for Queen Annes County and Judge of the Circuit consisting of Queen Annes and Kent counties. In 1867, upon the adoption of the Maryland Constitution of that year, Judge Robinson was elected Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland, in which were included Cecil, Kent, Queen Annes, Caroline, and Talbot counties. Thus he became an Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland. Upon the resignation of Chief Judge Alvey in 1893, Judge Robinson was appointed Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and ably filled this post until his death in 1896.

Although his professional life was to be spent for the most part in the city of Baltimore, Ralph Robinson never forgot his boyhood days at "Waverly" on the Chester River, where he first acquired his lifelong joy in sailing, his fondness for outdoor life, a genuine love of nature and a keen interest in agriculture. He received his early education in the local schools of Queen Annes County and in the public schools of Annapolis, where his family lived during the winters when the Court of Appeals was in session. In 1883 he became a student at the Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia. Here he joined the Blackford Literary Society and in his third year received the gold medal which was given to its leading debater and was considered the Society's highest honor. In his final year he was chosen valedictorian. After completing his course at the Episcopal High School, he entered the Johns Hopkins University, from which he graduated in 1889, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. While in this University, he joined the Maryland Alpha Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Mr. Robinson received his legal training in the Law School of the University of Maryland, in which he enrolled immediately upon leaving Johns Hopkins University. He received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1891 and in that same year began the private practice of his profession. After practicing individually for some years, he became a member of the law firm of Bond, Robinson & Duffy in 1904, soon after the Baltimore fire, and continued as a member of this firm until the death of the late Nicholas P. Bond, when he resumed his private practice. For many years, he was counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad and its subsidiaries in Maryland. His practice throughout the years was wide and varied. He was generally recognized "as a wise counselor and an attorney of sound legal learning, industry, ability and unsullied integrity." In 1896, when the Maryland Bar Association was founded, Ralph Robinson became a member and he held his membership therein until his death more than half a century later. He also took an active interest in the Bar Association of Baltimore and in 1940 served as its president.

Mr. Robinson was a man of many interests extending far beyond the confines of his profession. He belonged to a number of clubs and other organizations, including the Maryland Historical Society, the Society

of Cincinnati, the Sons of the Revolution, the Bachelors' Cotillon, the Baltimore Country Club, the Gibson Island Club, the Green Spring Valley Club, and the Maryland Club. An ardent student of history, Mr. Robinson contributed both articles and book reviews to the quarterly magazine of the Maryland Historical Society. He was well-known as an authority on the War of 1812. During the period from April, 1913, to October, 1917, Mr. Robinson served as commanding officer of the Maryland Naval Militia, with the rank of commander, and it was his great pride and pleasure to command, on one of the militia cruises, the U.S.S. "Iowa," "the old 'battlewagon' which, under 'Fighting Bob' Evans, had taken such a decisive part in the destruction of Admiral Cervera's fleet at the battle of Santiago on July 3, 1898."

In politics, Mr. Robinson was firmly allied to the Democratic party, although he never sought public office. His religious affiliations were with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Writing of his magnetism and charm and of the high regard in which he was held, Edward D. Martin, in a memorial minute prepared for the Baltimore Bar Association, said: "One of his classmates at the Episcopal High School (Dr. W. H. K. Pendleton) has written of the high regard in which Ralph Robinson was held by the faculty and student-body alike, of the high standards he set for himself and maintained in everything that he undertook, of his approachability and of his generous heart and refined nature. These qualities, so apparent in this formative period of his life, developed and crystallized as the years rolled on. Genial by nature and with a keen sense of humor, cultivated in mind and liberal in thought, courtly in manner and buoyant in spirit, and possessed of unusual personal magnetism, Ralph Robinson seemed never to grow old."

Mr. Robinson had married on October 6, 1891, Ellen Gowen, the daughter of James E. and Emeline (Fox) Gowen of Philadelphia. Surviving him, after his death on February 15, 1947, were his wife; five daughters—Mrs. A. Adgate Duer, Mrs. Norman R. Waddington, Mrs. Emeline Robinson Fisher, Mrs. Francis K. Read, and Mrs. Henry Scott Baker; and seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Ralph Robinson were held at St. David's Church in Baltimore on February 17, 1947, and burial was in St. Anne's Churchyard at Annapolis. To quote again from the memorial minute by Edward D. Martin, "He left an enviable heritage on a life successfully and nobly lived."

**GUY D. LOWRY**—Associated with a nationally known organization in the management of its Cambridge branch, Guy D. Lowry has taken part not only in the business life of this city, but in civic and organizational life as well.

Mr. Lowry is a native of Chehalis, Washington, born February 3, 1900, son of Homer H. and Axia (La Pointe) Lowry. His father is a merchant. Educated in the public schools of Washington state, he entered thereafter the service of the United States Navy, serving as ship's cook aboard the U.S.S. "New Orleans" for three and a half years.

In 1920 he became associated with the J. C. Penney Company, which operates nationwide its popular chain of stores. With that organization he has remained continuously to the present time. He was sent to Cambridge in 1928 to open a local store there and has since remained as its manager.

Maintaining an active interest in community matters, he is a member and past president of the Chamber of Commerce, and past president likewise of the Cambridge Rotary Club; he belongs to the Cambridge Country Club. Since the period spent in the service of his country he has participated in the affairs of the American Legion. Politically, he is a Republican. He attends Zion Methodist Episcopal Church and is a member of its official board. Boating, fishing, and gardening afford Mr. Lowry recreation and welcome diversion from the responsibilities of business.

Guy D. Lowry married, on June 16, 1924, Irma Hope, formerly of the state of Oregon. They have become the parents of two children: 1. Joan, graduate of local schools and of Hood College in the class of 1948. 2. Richard Walter, now in the United States Merchant Marine.

**NORTH EMORY BARTLETT**—A native of Easton, Maryland, and one of its prominent citizens, North Emory Bartlett continues to make this city his home after an exceptionally long and successful business career. In 1944 he retired as vice president of the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company, after a half century's association with this important industrial chemicals corporation. From a relatively modest position he had worked his way through practically every department of the company, gaining experience along the way that fitted him well for the executive post of vice president to which he was named in 1928. When after fifty years of service he handed in his resignation, his accomplishments down through this period received deserved recognition and honors.

North Emory Bartlett was born in Easton, Maryland, on May 16, 1870, son of Robert and Anne North (Emory) Bartlett. After completing his formal education in the public schools and under private tutors, he was variously employed before entering upon his connection with the chemical industry. Mr. Bartlett is a member of the Chemists' Club of New York, the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore, the Orpheus Club and Middy Club of Philadelphia, the Historical Society of Maryland, and the Academy of National Science of Philadelphia, affiliations that reflect well his personal interests.

On November 16, 1898, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, North Emory Bartlett married Bertha Marie Kennedy, and they are the parents of three daughters: 1. Bertha Emory, born April 27, 1900. 2. Anne North, born March 19, 1908. 3. Carmita, born March 28, 1910.

**WALTER J. POWELL**—One of Salisbury's leading business men, the late Walter J. Powell was, at the time of his death, which occurred on January 19, 1933, president of R. E. Powell & Company, outstanding Salisbury department store, and owner of the Walter J. Powell Corporation, dealers in wholesale dry goods.

Walter J. Powell was born March 29, 1888, at Whiton, Worcester County. He became identified with the merchandising business and had a large share of responsibility in the development of R. E. Powell & Company. Mr. Powell was a member of the Salisbury Rotary Club. Fraternally he was affiliated with Wicomico Lodge No. 91, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Chesapeake Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Thomas J. Shyrock Commandery, Knights Templar; Lodge of Perfection, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite;

and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a member and on the official board of Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church.

Walter J. Powell had two children: 1. Charlotte. 2. William Sewell (q.v.).

He died on January 19, 1933, in his forty-fourth year.

**BAYARD W. COOPER**, vice president and general manager of R. E. Powell & Company of Salisbury, one of the leading department stores of the Eastern Shore, started in with the company as a delivery boy in 1905. Through the years he was promoted to one position after another entailing increasing responsibility, until now he is responsible for the general management of the entire store.

He was born October 12, 1884, in Whaleyville, Worcester County, the son of Charles W. and Mary (Dennis) Cooper. Charles W. Cooper, who was a farmer in Worcester County, was born in 1850, and died in May, 1929. Mary (Dennis) Cooper was born in 1857, and died in 1921.

Bayard W. Cooper attended the local schools of Whaleyville. In 1905 he started in with R. E. Powell & Company as a delivery boy and continued in this capacity for three years. In 1908 he was transferred to the furniture department as a salesman; in 1913 he was made manager and buyer of the shoe department, and he filled this post until 1920. In that year he was made manager of the furniture and floor covering division. In 1922 he became a member of the firm and was elected vice president; he was elected general manager in 1934 and has continued to serve as vice president and general manager ever since. Mr. Cooper is a member of the Salisbury Rotary Club and of the Chamber of Commerce, serving on the board of directors of the latter organization. He is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Elks Golf Club. In politics he is a Republican. For the past twenty-five years he has been a member of the official board of the Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church.

On September 13, 1913, Bayard W. Cooper was married to Susie Victoria Insley in Salisbury. She was a native of Bivalve in Wicomico County, the daughter of the late George Dallas Insley and Susan P. Insley of Bivalve. Mrs. Susie Victoria (Insley) Cooper died in 1936. To the union of Bayard W. and Susie Victoria (Insley) Cooper was born a daughter, Mary Frances Cooper, on May 18, 1918. She married Thomas J. Hinman, Jr., and they have two children, Suzanne and Thomas Bayard Hinman, both born in Salisbury. Bayard W. Cooper married (second), in 1943, Enid L. Kershaw, daughter of Lester and Jennie Hubbard of Buffalo, New York.

**MARIAN EVANS POWELL**—With the commerce and civic affairs of Salisbury, Marian Evans Powell is identified prominently. She is president of R. E. Powell & Company, directing the operation of the large department store since her election in 1934. In business circles, she has long been a member of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, and has co-operated heartily with other business organizations. There are few better exemplars of the place women have won deservedly in fields of endeavor formerly held mainly by men.

Born on October 19, 1892, in Salisbury, Mrs. Powell is the daughter of Sewell Thomas and Margaret (Kennerly) Evans, her mother born at Quantico, May 12, 1860. Her father was born on Deals Island,







*Walter J. Powell*



*Mariant E. Powell*









*Bayard W Cooper*



*Wm. S. Powell*





February 8, 1852, and prior to his death on May 30, 1903, was engaged as merchant. After attending the Salisbury grammar schools, Mrs. Powell was graduated from the Wicomico High School, with the class of 1909. She married, on October 21, 1914, at Salisbury, Walter James Powell, and became the mother of two children: 1. Mrs. Charlotte (Powell) White, who was born July 31, 1917. 2. William Sewell, (q.v.), born October 29, 1918.

Mrs. Powell did not find being a mother and the rearing of a family incompatible with civic and business activities, and since 1934 has headed the R. E. Powell & Company department store, which employs some seventy-five people and is popular with a clientele drawn not only from Salisbury, but from a wide surrounding area. Mrs. Powell is a member of the National Retail Dry Goods Association, and the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, is a former president of the Eastern Shore Quota Club, and is a director of the Arcade Building Corporation. In politics she gives allegiance to the Democratic party. She worships in the Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church in Salisbury, of which she is a member of the official board.

**WILLIAM SEWELL POWELL**—Following in the traditions of his elders, William Sewell Powell has engaged in merchandising in Salisbury. As vice president and member of the board of directors of R. E. Powell & Company, he is active in the operations of the large department store, so well-known in this part of Maryland. His career, like many of his generation, was interrupted by service during World War II as enlisted man and major, on duty for practically five years.

William Sewell Powell was born at Salisbury, on October 29, 1918, the only son of Walter James and Marian (Evans) Powell. An account of the activities of his mother, as president of R. E. Powell & Company, and civic leader, accompanies this record. After being graduated from the Valley Forge Military Academy, with the class of 1938, William Sewell Powell became associated with the R. E. Powell & Company department store as a salesman, and so continued to March, 1941. On the nineteenth of that month he enlisted in the United States Army for World War II service. Identified with the 74th Coast Artillery and Aerial Aircraft, he received his honorable discharge on February 3, 1946, with the rank of major.

Upon returning to civilian life, Mr. Powell resumed his connection with R. E. Powell & Company, and has since continued that connection as vice president and a director of the firm. In Salisbury affairs, he is a past president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and belongs to the American Legion. He attends the Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church.

At Salisbury, Maryland, on February 18, 1942, William Sewell Powell married Ruth Elaine Long, who was born in Salisbury, May 15, 1919, the daughter of Curtis Wailes and Louise (Schoolfield) Long. Mr. and Mrs. Powell are the parents of two daughters, both born at Salisbury: 1. Ruth Elaine, who was born February 27, 1944. 2. Marian Louise, who was born July 23, 1947.

**KATIE (LITTLE) KEMP (MRS. J. H. CAULK KEMP)**—In abilities, efficiency and general as well as particular qualifications, Mrs. Katie (Little) Kemp has taken her place in business along side of the lead-

ers in St. Michaels. Since 1943 she has been identified with real estate and general insurance, for she maintains a firm established as Mrs. J. H. Caulk Kemp in about 1933, and has developed it to meet the changing times in realty as well as in financial and postwar conditions.

As Katie Little, she was born in Kent County, Maryland, daughter of the Rev. F. T. and Catherine (Wilmer) Little, both of whom are now deceased. Her father, a well-known clergyman, was born at Baltimore; her mother was a native of Queen Annes County.

On October 25, 1911, Katie Little married J. H. Caulk Kemp, a native of Talbot County, Maryland, who was born on September 15, 1884, son of J. H. and Hester (Hopkins) Kemp, both of whom came originally from Talbot County, and both now deceased. Prepared for higher studies in the public schools, he matriculated at St. John's College, where he completed his formal education. After spending some years in the life insurance business at Baltimore, he moved to St. Michaels in 1921 to engage in farming. Gradually he began selling insurance and properties and in about 1933 established the present business, which handles all types of insurance except life and carries on real estate operations and management under his wife's direction. Mr. Kemp was active in several phases of local life with constructive results, being a member of the School Board of St. Michaels, the Maryland State Board of Education, and was to the fore in promoting the best interests of St. Michaels and the contiguous area. He was a vestryman of the Protestant Episcopal Church and liberal in the support of religious and charitable works.

Mr. J. H. Caulk Kemp died in 1943, since when Mrs. Katie (Little) Kemp has conducted the realty and insurance business. She is a member of the St. Michaels Women's Club, and is an independent Democrat without political ambitions. She attends the Protestant Episcopal Church.

**HOOPER STEELE MILES**, distinguished attorney and banker, has been Treasurer of the State of Maryland since 1935. Mr. Miles practiced law in Salisbury for twenty years. He has held many public offices, and is the author of "The Maryland Executive Budget System and a Review of Its Administration 1916-1941." Mr. Miles has many banking connections: he is a director and chairman of the board of the Baltimore National Bank and a director and member of the executive committee of the County Trust Company of Maryland.

He was born in Cambridge on January 27, 1895, the son of Alonzo Lee and Agnes (Hooper) Miles, his father being a lawyer. He received his education in the local schools and the University of Maryland Law School, from which he graduated in 1916 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. From 1916 to 1937 he practiced law in Salisbury. For six years Mr. Miles served as city solicitor of Salisbury, and in the legislative session of 1920 he was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates.

In 1932 he became president of the Eastern Shore Trust Company of Cambridge, which was reorganized as the County Trust Company of Maryland, and he served as president of this institution until 1937. In that year he became a director and executive vice president of the Baltimore National Bank, which he now serves as a director and chairman of the board. He is a director and member of the executive committee of the County Trust Company of Maryland.

and the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, and a director of the Eutaw Savings Bank and the Continental American Life Insurance Company, and serves as treasurer and a member of the board of trustees of Johns Hopkins Hospital. Since 1935 he has ably filled the post of Treasurer of the State of Maryland, and was president of the Baltimore Association of Commerce during 1946 and 1947. Mr. Miles served as the Maryland administrator of the use of state-owned automobiles during World War II, and he was also state chairman of the Third War Loan Drive, chairman of the 1945 war fund campaign of the Baltimore chapter of the American Red Cross, and co-chairman of the Victory Loan Campaign. He is a member of the Maryland Club, the Merchants Club, the Elkridge Club, and the Baltimore Country Club. A Presbyterian, he belongs to the Brown Memorial Church. He makes his home in Baltimore.

He married at Salisbury, on February 20, 1919, Frances Williams, the daughter of L. Ernest and Georgia (Todd) Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Miles had three children: Mary Frances Miles, born July 11, 1920; Hooper Steele Miles, Jr., born July 8, 1927, who died April 22, 1944; and Catherine Louise Miles, born August 17, 1929.

**JOHN T. BAYNARD**—Clerk of the circuit court in Easton is John T. Baynard. He is a man with ample legal and banking experience, served his country during World War II in the United States Coast Guard, and is vitally interested at the present time in the service of his community.

John T. Baynard is a young man to have had so varied an experience. He was born May 1, 1917 in Chapel District, Talbot County, son of John and Katie (Elliott) Baynard. In early life, his father was a farmer in Caroline County, and he later removed to Talbot County where he followed the occupation of a machinist. He is now deceased. His mother, a native of Talbot County, is still living. Mr. Baynard's education was obtained in the public schools of Easton, after which he assumed, as his first position, a clerkship in the offices of the law firm of Shehan and Marshall, remaining with this firm for six years, and gaining the practical legal experience which has been invaluable to him since. He next became a clerk in the Liberty Bank of Easton, remaining there until 1942, when he entered the service of the United States Coast Guard. Under the command of the captain of the Port of Baltimore, he performed his duties as boatswain's mate second class until his honorable discharge in October, 1945. On his return to Easton, Mr. Baynard resumed his connection with the Liberty Bank until elected, in November of 1946, to his present post of clerk of the circuit court. He took office December first of that year. The young man who, on his return from service, received the confidence of the voters, has acquitted himself well in his post.

Mr. Baynard is active in the varied organizations and activities of the community. He is a member of the Lions Club and the Miles River Yacht Club. Since his period of duty in the Coast Guard, he has been vitally interested in the affairs of the American Legion. He is a member of the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church; and is loyal to the doctrines of the Democratic party. During the time not claimed by his more responsible tasks, he enjoys the diversion of fishing.

On September 27, 1940, John T. Baynard married Sarah Dawkins of Easton, daughter of Edward R.

and Lilly M. (Leverton) Dawkins. Mr. and Mrs. Baynard have become the parents of two children: 1. Lili Katherine, born November 12, 1944. 2. John T., Jr., born March 19, 1947.

**RICHMOND W. HILL** matured early in business life, and had gained a wealth of experience before assuming an executive connection with the Standard Auto Supply Company, in which he has become a partner. He had considerable early training in newspaper work, and as a newsman once is apt to remain a newsman forever, he has retained his interest in this activity. He participates fully in the affairs of his community.

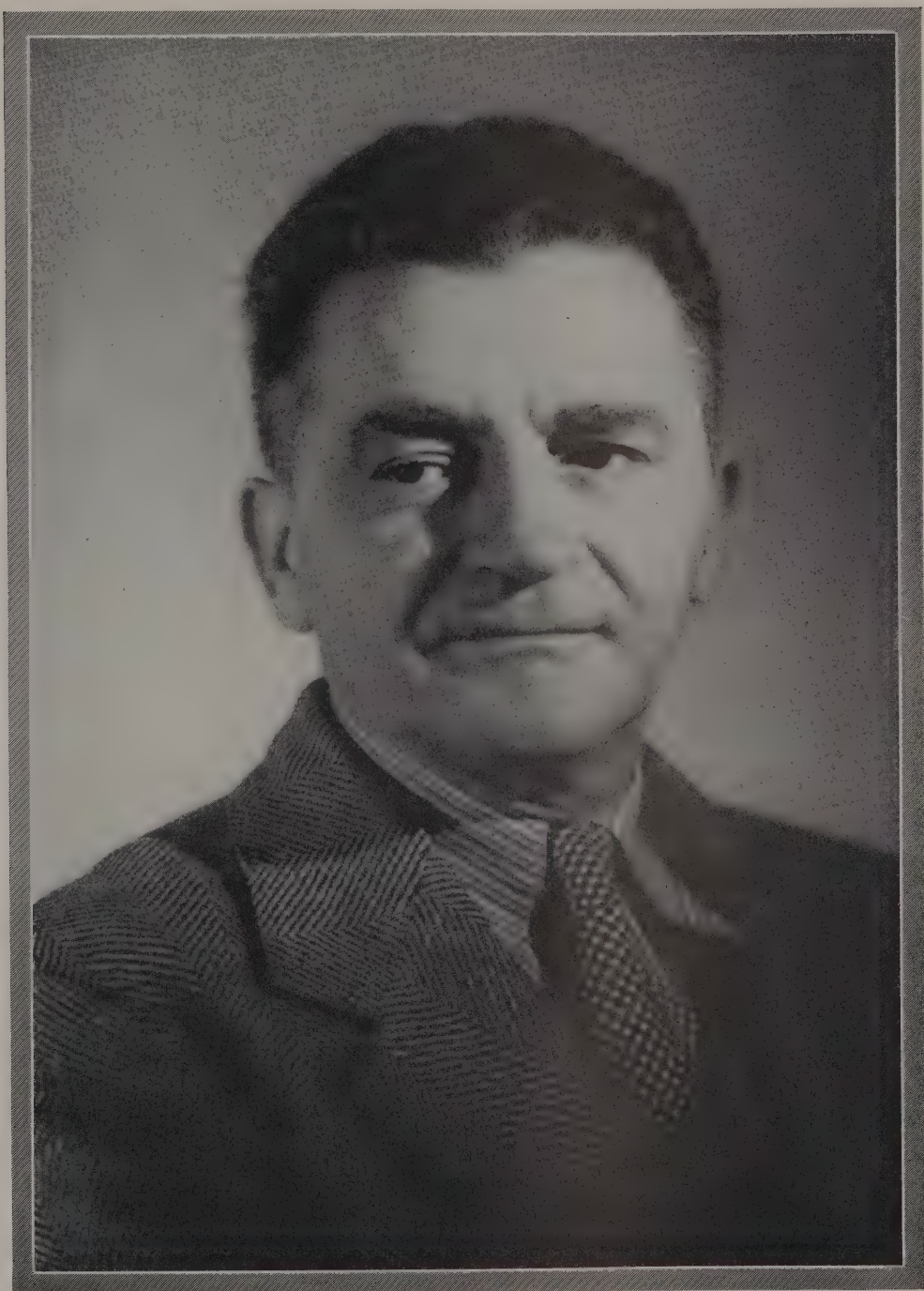
Mr. Hill is still a young man, having been born in Detroit, Michigan, on September 9, 1914, son of Richmond and Mary (Sevigne) Hill. His parents came from Ontario, Canada, his father having been a contractor in London in that province. He was educated in the public and high schools of Detroit, and took additional special courses in English, journalism, and salesmanship to prepare him for his career. His first employment was as clerk in a drug store in Detroit. About 1930 he moved to Washington, where he went to work on the staff of the "Star" as a copy boy, later becoming a cub reporter. He then moved over to the Washington "Daily News" as police reporter, and also writing some sports. By the time he was twenty-one, he was contributing a fishing column to the paper, and writing a daily by-line feature, and had as a tutor in his efforts Eddie Gilmore. After a year and a half, however, he severed his connection both with the "Daily News" and, for the time being, with the newspaper business. Coming to Easton in 1938, in the employ of the B. F. Goodrich Company, he became associated there with the Standard Auto Supply Company as budget manager, and subsequently took advantage of the opportunity to become a partner. He is a member of the Independent Tire Dealers Association, president of the Rotary, past president of the Business Men's Association, member of the Boy Scouts of America, and a member of the Easton Fire Department, Incorporated. He has contributed to the local papers, and enjoys reading, collecting stamps, fishing, and boating. In political views he is an independent.

On February 10, 1939, Richmond W. Hill married Rita Startt, daughter of Howard and Mary (Smith) Startt of Easton. They have four children: 1. Mary Elizabeth, born July 20, 1940. 2. Susan Lee, born November 11, 1943. 3. Michael Richmond, born May 30, 1946. 4. Mark Howard, born March 1, 1949.

**JAMES NOEL BENNETT**—An automobile dealer operating one of the largest Dodge and Plymouth sales and service centers in the central eastern states, James Noel Bennett of Easton is known throughout the Eastern Shore for his work in vital activities on behalf of the nation in both World War I and World War II and for his activities on behalf of veterans, especially in re-employment work and for his general public-spirited leadership. His automobile agency operates in Talbot County and is called the Bennett Motor Company.

Mr. Bennett, the son of William H. and Louise Catherine (Vernay) Bennett, was born in Carroll County, Maryland, on September 17, 1898. His father, a prominent merchant who died at the age of eighty-one, operated one store in Sykesville for fifty-two years. Both parents were born in Carroll County. The mother also died some years ago.





*J. H. Bennett*



After obtaining his early education in the grade and high schools of Sykesville, James N. Bennett studied at night in a seven-year course in accounting given by Franklin Institute, emerging with a degree in that subject. He also attended Maryland Polytechnic Institute for one semester.

Mr. Bennett began his business career working with his father in the Sykesville store, and for three years was his father's bookkeeper. When he left Sykesville, Mr. Bennett went to Baltimore to work in the shipping department of the E. Scott Payne Company, where he remained two years. With American entry in World War I and the creation of the United States War Shipping Board, Mr. Bennett became associated with that important agency as an accountant. At the close of the war, he was transferred from Baltimore to Washington with the Baltimore district books, and was charged with the duty of consolidating all the books of the board so that it could conclude its affairs. Returning to Baltimore on completion of this assignment, Mr. Bennett entered the employ of the Packard Motor Company there, and remained for five years. For another five years he was with the W. O. Schaub Company, an electrical refrigeration and radio and appliance concern, also in Baltimore. Still another five years were spent in the employ of the Hutzler Brothers of Baltimore, in charge of sales of major appliances.

In 1935 Mr. Bennett established himself at Easton. Opening the Bennett Motor Company, dealers in Dodge and Plymouth passenger cars and Dodge trucks, he soon guided this business to extraordinary success. All of Talbot County is his territory and he now sells about one hundred fifty units a year there. He has a completely modern service and sales plant, the show rooms occupying ten thousand square feet of floor space alone. He employs fifteen persons.

In World War II, Mr. Bennett was perhaps more active than he had been in World War I. A charter member and leader in the Easton Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, he was throughout the conflict in charge of the Elks' scrap iron drive. His leadership of this program was so successful that in one day alone as many as three hundred sixty tons of scrap iron were collected. Another of his activities was his work with the Eastern Shore committees which recruited cadets for the Air Corps. Seventy-one boys were enrolled from three Maryland counties. He was also active in War Bond Drives, the War Fund Campaigns of the American Red Cross, hospital, welfare and other drives. He continues active in related peacetime endeavors, including such work as rehabilitation of veterans. He is chairman of the Elks' Committee for Veteran Rehabilitation. He served the Elks Lodge as a trustee for four years. Mr. Bennett is a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association, the Maryland Automobile Trade Association and the Retail Gasoline Dealers Association of Maryland; also, of the Rotary Club of Easton, Talbot County Club, the Business Men's Association of Talbot County, and the Miles River Yacht Club. His home on the Miles River is one of his hobbies, while boating on that river is another. Mr. Bennett is an independent in politics.

On March 18, 1930, Mr. Bennett married Grace Walker, a native of Virginia, and they are the parents of two sons: James Noel Bennett, Jr., and Guy Vernay Bennett. The elder son, a graduate of the Baltimore public schools and Polytechnic Institute, spent one term at Johns Hopkins University. In February, 1942, two months after Pearl Harbor, he

entered the Naval Air Corps and was stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas, in which he attained the rank of ensign. He retains this rank in the United States Naval Reserve. A student in the University of Missouri School of Aviation Engineering, he graduated December 12, 1948. He married Elma Quimby of Caroline County. Mr. Bennett's younger son, Guy, is also a graduate of the Baltimore public school system and its Polytechnic Institute. In World War II he was also a flyer, and served with the United States Army Air Forces. In 1948 he was a student in the South Dakota School of Mines at Rapid City, and his scholarship was of such caliber as to make him an honor student.

**MILTON M. HOLDEN**—Selling has been the occupation of Milton M. Holden throughout his business life. He is perhaps as well-known about the Easton area for his avocation of scouting and dramatics. In the former activity he is particularly prominent, being the District Scout executive.

Mr. Holden, a native of Watertown, Ohio, was born April 15, 1902, the son of Harvey H. and Wava B. (Mingis) Holden. His father was a printer and, like many members of that profession, traveled about considerably. He was a native of Michigan, while his wife was born in Indiana. It was to that state that the family moved early in the boyhood of Milton M. Holden. Mr. Holden's schooling was begun in La Grange, Indiana, and he graduated from Washington High School in Princess Anne, Maryland. He later attended the University of Maryland.

Since the completion of his education Mr. Holden has been engaged in selling, and has been connected with the Toulson Drug Company and T. L. Ruark & Company, Inc., both of Salisbury. He has been active for some time in the Boy Scouts of America, starting in this connection as Scoutmaster of a Troop meeting at St. Andrew's Church in Salisbury. In 1944 he became for one year Field Scout executive in Wilmington, and has since that time been the District Scout executive of the Eastern Area of the Del-Mar-Va Council.

Another of Mr. Holden's interests is dramatics, and he was formerly a member of the Community Players, a play-producing group in Salisbury. He also likes sports. He is an independent Democrat in political beliefs, and a member of the Trinity Methodist Church, which he serves as steward. Active in business affairs, he belongs to the Rotary Club.

Milton M. Holden was married, on December 27, 1927, to Estelle Steele, a native of Delaware brought up in Salisbury, Maryland. They have two children: 1. James H., a graduate of North High, Columbus, Ohio, who thereafter attended Ohio State University and is now with the United States Navy, engaged in work on electronics. 2. Richard S., who is now attending the local high school.

**THURSTON HARRISON, M.D.**—Dr. Thurston Harrison enjoyed splendid training in his preparation for a career in the medical profession, and served with distinction in the United States Army during World War II, before establishing practice in Easton. His professional associations are many and he is well-known in the club activities of his chosen community.

A son of Dr. John and Elizabeth (Southworth) Harrison, Thurston Harrison was born in Glendale, Ohio, May 19, 1912. His father, who came from Orange, New Jersey, is a retired professor of English at Butler University; his mother is a native of Spring-



field, Massachusetts. After education in the public schools, Thurston Harrison attended Amherst College where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1933. He thereafter pursued medical studies at the University of Indiana, where he took his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1938. He interned at Johns Hopkins Hospital for one year, and was assistant resident physician there for a like period, afterwards becoming assistant resident physician at Baltimore City Hospital where he remained for two years. Returning to Johns Hopkins, he was in residence there for another year, gaining invaluable professional training which, in 1943, he placed at the disposal of the United States Army. He was with the 118th General Hospital Group, serving with the rank of captain in the Southwest Pacific Theater, and received his discharge in 1946.

In April of that year began his practice in Easton, a practice limited to internal medicine. He is associated with the Easton Memorial Hospital. Dr. Harrison is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and of the American College of Physicians. Among his professional associations are numbered membership in the American Medical Association, and the Maryland and Talbot County medical societies, also the Southern Medical Association and the Johns Hopkins Medical Association. His fraternities are Alpha Omega Phi, medical, and Phi Kappa Psi, social. As recreations he enjoys sailing and golf, and belongs to the Tred Avon Yacht Club and the Talbot County Club. His church is the Christ Episcopal, and in political affiliation he is a Democrat.

On July 15, 1939, Dr. Thurston Harrison married Katharine Thomas Collins of Cambridge, daughter of James Thomas Collins. They are the parents of three children: 1. Elizabeth Meredith, born October 28, 1941. 2. David Thurston, born January 8, 1944. 3. Sarah Collins, born April 27, 1948.

**JOSEPH CLARENCE STEVENSON**—To banking Joseph Clarence Stevenson has devoted practically all of his mature life, and in 1949 celebrated forty years' connection as an official of the Citizens National Bank in Pocomoke City. Like his parents, both now deceased, and some earlier generations, he is a native of Pocomoke City, born on October 3, 1886, son of Clarence and Rose (Bratten) Stevenson. His father, born at Pocomoke in September, 1856, died here in August, 1919. He was a merchant and fraternal leader in the Knights of Pythias. His mother, also born in Pocomoke in 1855, died in June, 1934.

Joseph Clarence Stevenson added to his formal education courses in commercial administration at the Goldey Business College, Wilmington, Delaware, in preparation for his career. In 1909 he became assistant cashier of the Citizens National Bank in Pocomoke City, a post he filled to 1934 with increasing skill and satisfaction to the clientele of the institution. In 1934 he was elected cashier and has served as such to the present writing. Incidental to his association with the bank, but of high value, is his acquaintance and contacts with so many clients with whom he is personally popular and as an adviser whose judgment is widely accepted.

Mr. Stevenson is a former director of the Citizens National Bank and well-known in banking circles as a member of the American Bankers Association, and the Maryland Bankers Association. He was chairman of the War Bond Drives for Worcester County, World War II. In politics he is a Democrat and in civic

affairs serves on the Park Commission. He is fraternally affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the higher bodies, having attained the Thirty-second degree. He is a past president, 1945-46, of the Rotary Club, and serves as treasurer of the Winter Quarters Country Club. A member of the Salem Methodist Church, he has served as treasurer for thirty-five years.

On September 28, 1916, at Pocomoke, Joseph Clarence Stevenson married Vivian E. Stevenson, daughter of James G. and Elizabeth (Hearne) Stevenson, all of whom are natives of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson are the parents of two daughters, both born at Pocomoke: 1. Mary, born November 4, 1921, who married August 10, 1944, at Pocomoke, Clarence Martin Borchers, of Monterey Park, California, and is the mother of one son: Louis Stevenson Borchers, born at Pocomoke, July 24, 1945. 2. Barbara Hearne, born May 16, 1927, who married Herbert Stewart Somers, of Pocomoke City on August 25, 1948.

**WILLIAM STEWART FITZGERALD**, who since 1940 has been county superintendent of schools in Caroline County, Maryland, with offices at Denton, where he now makes his home, has been active as an educator on the Eastern Shore of Maryland during his entire professional career. He was born October 4, 1891, at Princess Anne, the son of Charles Waugh and Margaret (Stewart) Fitzgerald. Mr. Fitzgerald's father was a farmer.

William Stewart Fitzgerald attended the local elementary school and Washington High School at Princess Anne, from which he graduated in 1909. He then entered St. John's College at Annapolis and in 1913 was graduated from this institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the fall of 1913 he became a student at Johns Hopkins University, where he attended the School of Engineering from 1913 to 1915.

Mr. Fitzgerald became vice principal of Washington High School in Princess Anne in 1917 and served in this capacity until 1925, when he was made principal. He filled this post until 1929. Meantime he took post-graduate work in education at Teachers College of Columbia University in New York City, and in 1929 received the degree of Master of Arts from that institution. In 1929 he became county superintendent of schools for Somerset County, with headquarters at Princess Anne, and served in this capacity until 1940. He then moved from Princess Anne to Denton, to assume the post of county superintendent of schools for Caroline County, an office he has filled ever since. Mr. Fitzgerald is a member of the Denton Rotary Club and served as its president during the 1948-1949 term. He is affiliated fraternally with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and is past master of his lodge. He belongs to the Alpha Lambda Chapter of the Kappa Alpha order, at Johns Hopkins University, and his religious ties are with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On December 25, 1926, at Reading, Pennsylvania, William Stewart Fitzgerald married Mildred Clogg, the daughter of James and Nellie (Mason) Clogg. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald are the parents of one daughter, Barbara Ann Fitzgerald, born August 8, 1928, at Salisbury. She married, on June 11, 1949, Frederick Ford Jewett, an ensign in the United States Navy.

**ROBERT GOLDSBOROUGH HENRY, JR.**—With a thorough education and considerable experience in marine engineering and ship design, Robert



*J. R. Stevenson*









Frank . C. Branchle

Goldsborough Henry, Jr., has been associated with the Oxford Boatyard Company for some years in the capacity of vice president and general manager. He has participated wholeheartedly in the varied activities of the city of Oxford.

Mr. Henry was born January 1, 1909, in Baltimore, and is the son of Robert Goldsborough Henry, Sr. His secondary education was begun at the Boys Latin School in Baltimore and completed at the Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia. His technical studies were pursued at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where in 1933 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering.

His first work was at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, where he remained for one year, after which he became associated with Sparkman & Stephens, Inc., yacht designers in New York City. This connection continued until 1940 when he came to the Eastern Shore to assume the position of vice president and general manager of the Oxford Boatyard Company, and he has remained with this company since.

Quite naturally, Mr. Henry is interested in sailing. Closely related as it is to his occupation, he also makes it his hobby, and enjoys membership in the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club and the Tred Avon Yacht Club. He is also a member of the Lions Club of Oxford, and of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. He is affiliated politically with the Democratic party, and is an Episcopalian, he and his family attending Holy Trinity Church.

Robert Goldsborough Henry, Jr., married, October 3, 1941, Sarah Grace, a native of Talbot County, daughter of Arthur F. and Ethel (Moore) Grace.

**CHARLES H. MESSICK**, prominent along the Eastern Shore in both the mercantile business and agriculture, is a progressive man of many interests. He is a brother of Norman W. Messick, of Cloverdale Farms, and both have contributed much to the Eastern Shore's prosperity. In recognition of Charles H. Messick's place in the community, he was in 1946 elected town commissioner and in 1948 he was elected president of town commissioners, an office which is tantamount to that of mayor.

Mr. Messick was born in Dorchester County, near Hurlock, on September 27, 1909, son of P. S. and Clara (Butler) Messick. His father, also a native of Dorchester County, was a son of Luke H. Messick. He became a farmer, canner, and sawmill operator. Mr. Messick's mother, the former Clara Butler, was born in Caroline County, and was a daughter of Wesley Butler. Charles H. Messick was educated in the schools of Hurlock, and graduated from high school there. His first business connection was in the mercantile trade, he being employed as clerk in the American Store, and he was later store manager in Easton. In 1932 he went to Ridgely and opened there a store in his own name, selling groceries and meats, which he operates to the present time. Mr. Messick also owns and operates a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, on which he successfully carries on general farming, raising the truck crops common to this area. He has engaged in considerable construction work in Ridgely in his own name, and also with Mr. D. Thompson Swing formed the Ridgely Development Company for the purpose of development of real estate in the Ridgely area. He bought the original school building in Ridgely, and has converted it into modern apartment houses. Mr. Messick's successful

conduct of his many enterprises has earned him the respect of local business men and the citizens of the community, and from among the members of the town board he was selected as president of that body, which is equivalent to the post of mayor. In his politics, Charles H. Messick is a Republican. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and past president of that body. He attends the Methodist Church, of which he is a trustee. Mr. Messick's chief recreation is sports.

On September 28, 1930, Charles H. Messick married Marion Bullock of Queen Annes County, daughter of George and Letha (Wroten) Bullock. Both of Mrs. Messick's parents were natives of Delaware, and are now deceased. Of this union there is one daughter, Patricia Ann, born February 20, 1932. She is a graduate of Ridgely High School. She graduated with highest honors in her class, being valedictorian, and won two scholarships to Wesley Junior College in Dover, Delaware, where she is now studying.

**FRANK CHRISTIAN BRAUCHLE** is one of those Preston business leaders who have in their backgrounds a wide variety of successful endeavor. Mr. Brauchle was brought up on a Kansas farm, was early engaged in buying and selling cattle, was for a time connected with a cheese factory and creamery, has been an automobile salesman and acted as parts manager in an automotive concern, and finally emerged, while still under forty years of age, as an automobile dealer in his own right. The Preston Motor Company conducted in partnership with M. Heber Lane (q.v.), is one of the Eastern Shore's most prosperous automotive retailing concerns.

Mr. Brauchle was born near Kansas City, February 22, 1898, son of Jacob and Pauline (Hahn) Brauchle. His father, who came to this country from Switzerland, was a farmer, and Pauline (Hahn) Brauchle was German by birth, a native of Stuttgart. Both parents are now deceased. Frank G. Brauchle remained on his father's farm until nineteen years of age, when he went to work for a cattle dealer, and gained experience in buying and selling cattle. Thus he early acquired a knowledge of trading, and developed business abilities of value in the occupation he later chose. He later worked for a time in a cheese factory, which manufactured Italian cheeses and allied products, and still later was employed by the Apula Creamery Company until 1922. It was in 1923 that he entered the automotive business as parts manager for the Preston Motor Company. He has concerned himself with automobiles ever since, although from 1929 to 1936 he devoted his attention to the sales aspect, being salesman for the Noble Motor Company in Easton.

In 1936 Mr. Brauchle entered business for himself, in partnership with Mr. Lane. Although now under their management, the firm has the same name as that for which Mr. Brauchle went to work in 1923. Their agency deals in Ford cars and, under the name of the Preston Tractor and Implement Company, an affiliated organization, also handles Fordson tractors. Their territory is Caroline County. The modern, attractive showrooms are located in Preston.

During the hours free from business Mr. Brauchle prefers a physically active, outdoor type of recreation. He likes baseball, and the pastimes of the seashore in season, and is not too much interested in club and fraternal activities. His church is the Immanuel Lutheran, and in his political views he is a Democrat.

Frank Christian Brauchle is married to the former



Carrie S. Seaman, a native of Maryland. They have become the parents of three children: 1. Paul Jacob, who died at the age of eleven years. 2. Anna Kathryn, who married Virgil Taylor of Easton. 3. Bertha Pauline, who married Phillip Carroll of Talbot County.

**WILLIAM SETH WILLIS**—In addition to his career as executive, insurance man and in finance, in which fields he has come to a position of importance in Easton, William Seth Willis has also been a successful farmer. He has filled creditably a number of positions of trust both in business connections and in posts of civic responsibility.

Born at Oxford, August 29, 1905, Mr. Willis is the son of James McKenny Willis and Willemene Seth Willis. He was brought up on the family farm, and attended the public schools, later continuing his education, in preparation for business responsibilities, at Goldey Business College in Wilmington. At the conclusion of his college years he became connected with the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation for ten years, from 1922 to 1932, becoming manager of the Norfolk, Virginia, office. He then entered the insurance and warehouse business, being connected with Elliott and McDaniel Company, insurance agents, until 1939. He also assumed the position of manager for the Eastern Shore, of the Terminal Warehouse Company, which he held until July, 1946. Contemporaneously with these activities, the energetic Mr. Willis had been managing his own farm, and had in addition been engaged in supervising the operation of farms owned by others. This multiple role has brought him to the fore among Easton business men as one having most varied abilities, and sound judgment which he can apply with equal facility to diverse real estate, insurance and management problems. The Wye plantation, one of his chief interests, contains about one thousand acres. Mr. Willis is a director of the Easton National Bank, and was also an officer and director of the Trappe Canning Company, Inc., until April, 1948. During the years from 1939 to 1943, he served his community as county treasurer. He is a Democrat in his political affiliations.

Mr. Willis is a faithful member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he belongs to the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club. With his family he attends Christ Episcopal Church in his home community. Mr. Willis states that farming is his hobby, and his interest in productive land is undoubtedly influenced as much by his own preferences as by business considerations.

William Seth Willis was married, November 28, 1936, to Lillian Adams of Talbot County. She was the daughter of William and May Adams. The Willis have two children: William Seth, Jr., and Philomena Adams, both attending local schools.

**JAY BEACHLEY COBER**—Among the energetic and able farmers of the region around Wittman is Jay Beachley Cober, who operates a farm of about four hundred acres of which one hundred and eighty are tillable. Mr. Cober specializes in wheat, corn, hogs, and a small dairy herd. He takes a keen interest in the activities of the local Farm Bureau, and serves on its board of directors.

Jay Beachley Cober was born July 10, 1905, in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, the son of Emerson and Verda May (Beachley) Cober, both school teachers. His mother is still living. In 1908 Mr. Cober's uncle, Allen W. Beachley, came to Maryland to farm,

and the following year at the age of four, Jay Beachley Cober was brought to Maryland, where he has lived ever since. He attended the public schools of the Bay Hundred District, and upon leaving school he farmed with his uncle until the latter's death in 1946, at which time he took over the farm. Mr. Cober is a member of the Church of the Brethren, and in politics he is a Republican. He is a director of the local Farm Bureau.

On February 26, 1939, Jay Beachley Cober married Ada L. Klinger of Dayton, Ohio, the daughter of W. E. and Mary (Ridenour) Klinger. Mr. and Mrs. Cober have two children: 1. Donald Blaine Cober, born May 5, 1940. 2. Mary Ann Cober, born April 20, 1944.

**WEBSTER CARLTON TALL**—The president of the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City for the year 1948 is Webster Carlton Tall, one of the city's outstanding attorneys, who has practiced law independently in Baltimore since 1921. Mr. Tall has long taken a keen interest in the affairs of the Eastern Shore Society and served as its vice president in 1943.

He was born on March 8, 1892, in Baltimore, the son of Charles Grant and Julia (Bians) Tall. His father was engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Baltimore.

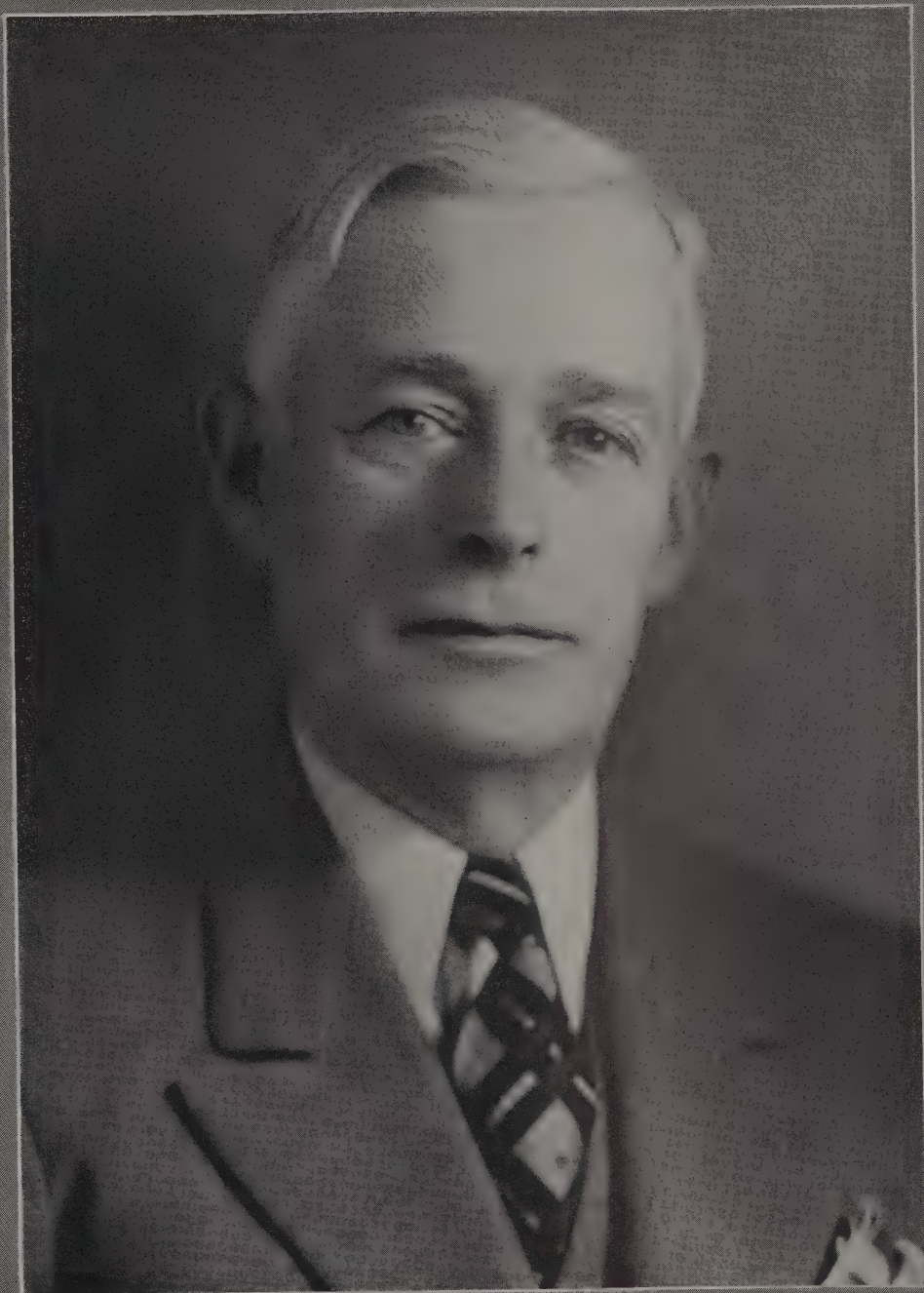
Webster Carlton Tall attended the elementary schools of Baltimore and Baltimore City College, from which he graduated in 1909. Going on to the law school of the University of Maryland, he graduated there in 1913 with the degree of Bachelor of Law, and the same year was admitted to the Maryland Bar. Four years later, in 1917, he was admitted to the California Bar. Mr. Tall was for a time a member of the legal department of the Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Company of Baltimore and then a member of the legal department of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company. Since 1921 he has been engaged in independent practice in Baltimore. He is a member of the First Baptist Church. The Eastern Shore Society is his only club, and he is very active on its behalf.

Mr. Tall married on February 27, 1917, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Adele R. Donaldson, born June 13, 1894 in Philadelphia, the daughter of John S. and Minnie (Wallace) Donaldson. Mr. and Mrs. Tall are the parents of one son, Donaldson Tall, born March 7, 1927.

**NORMAN ELLIS SARTORIUS, SR., M.D.**—For many years one of the foremost practicing physicians of Pocomoke City, Dr. Norman Ellis Sartorius, Sr. has contributed much toward maintaining the standards of health in his community. His integrity and professional ability have earned for him an outstanding reputation among a great many professional colleagues and close personal friends.

Norman Ellis Sartorius was born September 2, 1878, at Pocomoke City, son of William and Susie (Ellis) Sartorius. The father, a native of Accomac County, Virginia, was a watchmaker and jeweler, and, fraternally, was a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Knights of Pythias. The mother was a native of Pocomoke City.

Norman Ellis Sartorius received his early education in the public schools of Pocomoke City, and was graduated from high school in 1896. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1900 at Western Maryland College. Four years later he gained his Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Maryland.



*N.E. Sastorius M.D.*









Walter J. Dryden







*Reubin A. Shaver*



Maggie C Esham





Later, in 1905, he received his Master of Arts degree at Western Maryland College.

After completing his medical education, Dr. Sartorius went to Tangier Island, Accomac County, and established a general practice of medicine there. He remained there until 1907 when he moved to Pocomoke City and established his medical practice. He has become ever more successful and respected throughout the years, and today he is recognized as one of the leading physicians of this section of the state.

Dr. Sartorius plays a prominent role in the civic, professional and social phases of community life. He is the Dean of the Medical Profession of Worcester County, having been elected President of the Society more years than any other living Doctor of Medicine.

Dr. Sartorius is deputy examining physician of Worcester County, and holds memberships in the American Medical Association, the Maryland State Medical Association, and the Worcester County Medical Association.

Active in the local school system, he served for years as a member of the board of education under Governor Ritchie and Governor O'Connor. He was the first president of the present Parent Teacher Association of Pocomoke City, Maryland. He is prominent in the work of the Rotary Club and was its first full-term president. Dr. Sartorius, with other members of the Rotary Club, has long sponsored the Boy Scouts. He was the first sponsor of the highly successful Chautauqua courses which gave educational uplift to Pocomoke City through many years.

In politics, Dr. Sartorius votes independently, and in religious preference is a Baptist, attending the First Baptist Church of Pocomoke City and serving as one of its deacons.

His hobbies are fishing and cultivating prize winning dahlias.

At Pocomoke City, Norman Ellis Sartorius, Sr., married Ella Frances Schoolfield, daughter of William S. and Emily (Barnes) Schoolfield. Both her parents were natives of Worcester County, and she was born near Pocomoke City.

Dr. and Mrs. Sartorius became the parents of the following children all born in Pocomoke: 1. Ruth Wells, who graduated at Pocomoke High School, received her Bachelor of Arts degree at Western Maryland College and later studied at University of Southern California. She married James Edward Armstrong of Annapolis, Maryland. They have one daughter, Linda Jean. 2. William Schoolfield, who graduated from Pocomoke High School and Amherst College and went to Duke University for his Master of Arts degree. He married Dorothy Cooper, a native of Towson, and they became the parents of three children: i. Anne Cooper. ii. William Schoolfield, Jr. iii. John Churchill. 3. Norman Ellis Sartorius, Jr., who graduated at Pocomoke High School, University of Richmond and University of Maryland Medical School. He married Sara Harding of Richmond, Virginia. They have one son, Norman Ellis Sartorius, 3rd.

**WALTER J. DRYDEN**—From one point of view, Walter J. Dryden was a veteran in agriculture, business, and politics; from another standpoint he was a pioneer in some of his endeavors, and thereby served his community well. A native of Wicomico County, born in April, 1879, he spent practically all his life in this section of Maryland. In point of fact he first saw the light of day in the old family home of his

parents in the Nutters district. His father was Joshua L. Dryden, substantial citizen, and his mother was Biddie Jane (Layfield) Dryden.

As mentioned, Walter J. Dryden spent his life in Wicomico County except for a few years spent with an uncle Thomas Layfield, at Newport, Virginia. Educated in local schools and reared on a farm, agriculture was his first vocation, and he never lost his liking for the soil. In Salisbury he became a merchant, later becoming a pioneer in the taxicab business. He was one of those who was impressed with the increasing use of the automobile, and decided that there was an opening in Salisbury for a fleet of cabs that would be popular with the public. His judgment and enterprise proved good and profitable. Since his passing his sons, Clifford P. and J. Lemuel Dryden, operate the business under the trade name of the Dryden Cab Company, with a current fleet of nine to ten units.

Influential in political councils and campaigns, Walter J. Dryden was more interested in good government than in public office. Less as a Democrat and more as a progressive citizen, he was elected sheriff of Wicomico County in 1915, and served one term. During World War I, he was chairman of the Draft Board of Wicomico County. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and always he was a liberal supporter of civic and charitable undertakings.

In 1910, Walter J. Dryden married Maude L. Phillips, daughter of the late Major L. Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Dryden became the parents of three children: 1. Clifford P. 2. J. Lemuel. 3. Mrs. E. Stuart Outten.

Walter J. Dryden died at Salisbury, on July 8, 1940, his passing sincerely mourned by a legion of friends.

**REUBEN SALISBURY ESHAM**—A successful poultry operator of the Eastern Shore, Reuben Salisbury Esham is an associate in the ownership and operation of Eglantine Farms. A resident of Parsonsburg, Mr. Esham has for some years operated a considerable acreage in his own name, where also many thousands of chicks are produced annually.

Reuben Salisbury Esham is a native of Wicomico County, born June 10, 1894, the son of Willard S. and Cordelia (Smith) Esham. His father, a farmer, was also a native of Wicomico County, as was his mother. Both parents are now deceased. Mr. Esham attended county schools, and as a boy worked on his father's farm near Parsonsburg. He remained there until he was eighteen years of age, when he purchased some acreage, and began farming in his own right. He increased his holdings from time to time, and today owns and operates ninety-five acres of cleared land, and additional wooded land. He has facilities for the production of forty thousand chicks on his own property, and eighty thousand on contract, in addition to the capacity of Eglantine Farms, of which he is co-owner with W. H. Farlow (q. v.). This large hatchery, the skilled management of which has made it one of the most prosperous poultry establishments on the Eastern Shore, has a capacity of one hundred and sixty-eight thousand chicks.

Mr. Esham is interested in agricultural organizations, is a member of the Farm Bureau, the Tri-State Poultry Dealers Association, and the Nepco Hatchery Association. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal

Church in Pittsville, and Mr. Esham's favorite recreation is fishing.

In Pittsville, September 29, 1917, Reuben Salisbury Esham married Maggie Caroline Holloway, daughter of Levin G. and Mary G. (Wells) Holloway. Mr. and Mrs. Esham are the parents of two children: 1. Cordelia, who married Oren Lewis, and is the mother of one child, Sheldon Lewis. 2. Virginia, who married Edward Jones, and is the mother of two children, Carolyn Virginia, and Marilyn Elizabeth Jones.

**ALBERT BURNS** has been actively associated with the insurance business in Baltimore throughout his career. He now holds the position of president of the Baltimore Life Insurance Company.

Born at St. Michaels, Talbot County, on January 20, 1887, he was the son of William S. and Elizabeth A. Burns. He received his education in the public schools of the city of Baltimore, and his business career, begun immediately thereafter, has been entirely spent with the Baltimore Life Insurance Company.

He entered the service of this company in 1902, starting as junior clerk, rising through various positions. He was made treasurer and director in November, 1926, subsequently filling all senior offices of the company until, on April 28, 1942, he was elected president. He also is a director of the Maryland Trust Company.

Mr. Burns is a member of the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City, and was president of that organization in 1946. He is also affiliated with the Maryland Historical Society, and belongs to Concordia Lodge No. 13, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. His clubs are the Elkridge, the University, and the Merchants.

Albert Burns married, in Washington, D. C., on October 19, 1912, Miss Eleanor Horpel, of Baltimore, Maryland.

**CAROL DRYDEN**, president of Carol Dryden & Company, Inc., of Crisfield, packers and shippers of sea food products, and also vice president of L. R. Carson Company, another Crisfield sea food concern, has been connected with the sea food business since the turn of the century.

He was born at Hopewell, in Somerset County, March 1, 1877, the son of Littleton and Cerena (Lawson) Dryden, both natives of Somerset County, the father a farmer.

Carol Dryden was educated in the public schools of Hopewell and Jacksonville Academy at Daughtersville. For a time he worked with his father, Littleton Dryden, on the family farm near Hopewell in Somerset County, where two hundred acres were devoted to general farming. Then in 1900 he entered the sea food business with the A. P. Ford Company and spent five years in their employ. After another year, spent in the employ of the J. H. Riggan Company of Crisfield, Mr. Dryden formed a business of his own with N. R. Lookerman at Crisfield, and continued in this business partnership from 1906 to 1910. In 1910 he formed a new business association with C. T. Maderick. They engaged in the sea food business together from 1910 to 1917, when Mr. Dryden bought out his partner and until 1926 he operated the business himself under his own name. From 1926 to 1929 he was in partnership with N. R. Coulbourne, and from 1929 to 1947 in partnership with A. Earl Dize, doing business under the firm name Carol Dryden & Company. In 1947 the business was incorporated under

the name of Carol Dryden & Company, Incorporated. Mr. Dryden fills the office of president of the new concern, A. Earl Dize is vice president, and Mr. Dryden's son, Littleton Dryden, is secretary. In addition to being president of Carol Dryden & Company, Incorporated, Mr. Dryden is also vice president of L. R. Carson Company, sea food packers and shippers of Crisfield. He is a member of the Crisfield Seafood Association, and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Mt. Pleasant Church, and in politics is an independent voter.

He married, at Hopewell, October 15, 1900, Mattie H. Horsey, a native of Crisfield and the daughter of Custis W. and Sarah (Handy) Horsey, both natives of Somerset County. Mr. and Mrs. Dryden have one son, Littleton Dryden, born in Crisfield March 15, 1909, and now the secretary of Carol Dryden & Company, Inc. He saw active service in the Pacific area with the United States Army, 37th Division, Company A, 148th Infantry, participating in engagements on Guadalcanal, Bougainville, New Georgia and the Philippines campaign, receiving the third citation. Littleton Dryden is married and has a son, Alan H. Dryden.

**WILLIAM SPEDDEN SEYMOUR, M.D.**, has practiced medicine in Trappe for fifty-three years, and for the past twenty-two years has also had an office in Easton. Active in all that makes for the welfare of Talbot County, Dr. Seymour is one of the mainstays of his community.

He was born at Trappe, in Talbot County, on January 20, 1871, the son of Levin Spedden and Matilda Ann (Berridge) Seymour, both natives of Trappe and both now deceased. Dr. Seymour's father was a farmer.

After graduating from Trappe High School, Dr. Seymour first studied at Maryland College of Pharmacy, becoming a registered pharmacist in 1892. He then entered the University of Maryland School of Medicine, graduating from that institution in 1895 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. On July 4, 1895 he set up in general practice in his native town of Trappe, where he still makes his home. Dr. Seymour has many memories of the horse and buggy days of his early practice. Since 1926 he has had an office in Easton. He is a member and past president of the Talbot County Medical Society and of the Medical-Chirurgical Society of Maryland, and the American Medical Association, and he is a member of the medical and surgical staff of Easton Memorial Hospital and Cambridge Hospital. Dr. Seymour operates a farm in Trappe, and he was one of the originators and a director of the old Trappe Bank. Fraternally he is affiliated with Coats Lodge, No. 102, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; Talbot Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is a Past High Priest; Jesuah Council, Royal and Select Masters, of which he is treasurer; Chesapeake Commandery, Knights Templar; and he is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Dr. Seymour is an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and has served as a vestryman for thirty-five years and as treasurer for twenty-five. In his politics he is a Democrat and he takes a keen interest in local politics, along with his many other interests. He was president of the town commission for two years. During World War II Dr. Seymour served as president of the local draft





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board for five years, from 1940 to 1945. His hobby and great delight is outdoor life.

Dr. Seymour married, on April 26, 1900, Leila Murray Martin of Trappe district, Talbot County, the daughter of William (Bond) and Rebecca H. (Eccleston) Martin. Dr. and Mrs. Seymour have two children: 1. Murray Martin, a graduate of the local public schools and of Johns Hopkins University School of Engineering. He is now associated with the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company. He married Charlotte Kemper of Alexandria, Virginia, and they have one son William Martin. 2. William Abercrombie, a graduate of the local public schools and of Washington College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science, after first studying two years in Johns Hopkins University. He is associated with the Western Electric Company in Baltimore.

**OSCAR J. COLEMAN**, who, in addition to his own farms near Sherwood, manages five farms in the vicinity of Wittman for Raymond L. Johnston, M.D., of Dayton, Ohio, has been farming in Talbot County since 1915, and he grew up on a farm in Pennsylvania.

He was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, near the town of Berlin, on August 7, 1878, and farmed with his father until he was twenty-one years old. Mr. Coleman is the son of Henry Franklin and Mary Jane (Kimmel) Coleman, both natives of Somerset County, the former now deceased, the latter still living in Pennsylvania.

Oscar J. Coleman taught school in Pennsylvania for four years after completing his own education in the Pennsylvania public schools. For twelve years he was in business as a merchant in Berlin, Pennsylvania. In 1915 he moved to Talbot County, Maryland, and began farming on one hundred acres south of Sherwood and he has been operating this farm successfully ever since. In 1945 he moved to a farm of ninety-two acres north of Sherwood. In all he has one hundred and forty acres of tillable land, on which he raises corn and wheat, and each year he produces from two hundred to two hundred and fifty hogs for market. His son Clyde is now associated with him in the operation of his two farms, and Mr. Coleman devotes himself largely to the management of Dr. Johnston's farms near Wittman.

Mr. Coleman is a member of the local Farm Bureau and takes a keen interest in progressive farming methods. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and in politics is an independent Republican. His great hobby is farming, which perhaps explains his success and satisfaction in this line of endeavor.

Oscar J. Coleman married in September, 1903, Ada Beachley, a native of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and they have one son, Clyde B. Coleman, a graduate of the local public schools and of Salisbury Normal School. He taught school for three years and then was associated with the Tilghman Packing Company for six years. During World War II he worked in the Sparrows Point shipyard, and he is now associated with his father on his farms. He married Minnie Gowe of Sherwood, and they have one son, Ronald, who attends the local school.

**RALPH OLIN DULANY**—A prominent business executive of Fruitland, Ralph O. Dulany's qualities of leadership have been exercised not only in the presidency of John H. Dulany and Son, Incorporated, but in heading a number of the canning industry's organizations. He has participated actively in both public and club life.

Mr. Dulany's grandfather was Isaac Henry Anderson Dulany, who married, December 12, 1851, Ann Maria White, daughter of Henry and Sallie White. They became the parents of seven children, of whom the fifth, John Hancock Dulany, was born December 19, 1860. John H. Dulany founded the firm of John H. Dulany and Son, canners, of which organization he was senior partner. He married, March 12, 1889, Jennie Cathell, and their son, Ralph Olin, was born July 19, 1893.

Ralph O. Dulany, after attending Wicomico High School in Salisbury, took one year's studies at Wilmington Conference Academy, in Dover, Delaware, from which he graduated in 1910. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1914 from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

Before entering business life, Mr. Dulany served his country in World War I, from May, 1917 until May, 1919. With rank of first lieutenant, Infantry, he was aide to Major General Charles S. Farnsworth, commanding general of the Thirty-seventh Division.

In 1919 Mr. Dulany entered business with his father, and on the latter's death, July 29, 1925, became general manager of John H. Dulany and Son, Incorporated. Increasingly prominent among his colleagues in the canning industry, he has been honored at various times by being elected head of several of their organizations. He was elected president of the Tri-State Packers Association in 1930, president of the National Canners Association in 1937, and president of the National Association of Frozen Food Packers for the years 1944 and 1945. In addition, he was chairman, during 1934 and 1935, of the Code Authority for the Canning Industry.

Mr. Dulany is a director of the Bank of Fruitland. He also serves as member of the board of county commissioners of Wicomico County, his tenure extending until 1950.

A member of the Rotary Club of Salisbury, of which he was president during the 1943-44 term, Mr. Dulany also retains membership in his college fraternity, Alpha Chi Rho. His religious affiliation is with St. John's Methodist Church of Fruitland. In politics he is a Democrat.

On November 29, 1917, in Youngstown, Ohio, Ralph Olin Dulany married Alice T. Reihl, daughter of Charles Wesley and Anna (Topley) Reihl. They are the parents of four children: 1. David L., born February 19, 1923, who married, in 1942, Bette Marie Taylor. They have one son, Ralph Olin, II, born March 16, 1947. 2. John Hancock, II, born August 21, 1928. 3. Virginia Ann, who was born January 8, 1932. 4. Charles Reihl, born March 26, 1934.

**OLIN HOYT BLOODSWORTH**—Engaged in different types of business activity in this region of Maryland over a period of many years, Olin Hoyt Bloodsworth has concerned himself with insurance since 1932, centering his offices in Prince William Street, Princess Anne.

Mr. Bloodsworth was born June 17, 1903, in Mount Vernon, Somerset County, son of Benjamin Plummer and Isidora (Horner) Bloodsworth. His father was born April 13, 1862, in Mount Vernon, Maryland, and was a farmer and waterman. He was also superintendent of the county almshouse. A Republican in his political affiliation, he served as a justice of the peace of Mount Vernon, and was captain of a police boat. His wife, Isidora (Horner) Bloodsworth, Olin



H. Bloodsworth's mother, was born in July, 1867, in Mount Vernon, Maryland.

Schools of Mt. Vernon provided Olin Hoyt Bloodsworth's early education through the high school grades. At an early age he began general farming with his father in Somerset County, and continued from 1921 to 1924. He served as clerk of the Washington Hotel in Princess Anne, beginning in 1924 and continuing for three years. In 1927 he became associated with the Pillsbury Flour Company. Two years later he took up two new occupations. One of these was the advertising business and the other was in the meat sales field with Simon Heilig, in the Pocomoke Provision Company. From 1929 to 1934 he was so engaged, adding to these operations his first insurance work in 1932. As insurance began to take more and more of his time, he dropped his other activities in 1934, in order to devote himself to a general insurance agency which he established in Princess Anne, and which he continues down to the time of writing.

He is a member of Maryland State Insurance Men's Association and treasurer of the Princess Anne Business Men's Association, as well as a leader in a wide range of civic affairs. In politics he is a Democrat, and he serves as a member of the fire department of Princess Anne and is connected with Manokin Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

Olin Hoyt Bloodsworth married, December 25, 1928, in Princess Anne, Maryland, Dorothy Henderson, a native of this place. She is a daughter of Archie and Nora (Dryden) Henderson, both born in East Princess Anne, and both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bloodsworth became the parents of a son, Orville Hoyt Bloodsworth, born October 10, 1937, in Princess Anne.

**HARRY CARLISLE DASHIEL**—Carrying on a general practice of law in Princess Anne, Harry Carlisle Dashiell is widely known in professional and political circles in this region of Maryland.

Born November 25, 1886, in Dames Quarter, Maryland, Mr. Dashiell is a son of S. Frank and Mary P. (White) Dashiell, both natives of that place. His father also early became connected with the insurance business. Harry Carlisle Dashiell received his early schooling at Dames Quarter, then studied at Western Maryland College, where he was graduated as a Bachelor of Arts, in 1906. For his professional education he went to the law school of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and subsequently had practice law studies in association with Joshua W. Miles and Henry L. D. Stanford, in Princess Anne. Admitted to the Maryland bar in January, 1909, Mr. Dashiell immediately started his own independent practice, which he has continued down to the time of writing, being admitted to practice in all the courts of the state. A Democrat in his political views, he was elected state's attorney, and so served from 1923 to 1926, once again performing the duties of this office in 1944 and 1945 as acting state's attorney. He is a member of the Maryland Bar Association. His religious affiliation is with Saint Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church.

In Pocomoke City, March 30, 1911, Harry Carlisle Dashiell married Emily T. White, born in Worcester County, Maryland, daughter of Alfred T. and Emily (Kelly) White, natives of Accomac County, Virginia, and Somerset County, Maryland, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Dashiell became the parents of the following

children: 1. Emily Frances, born in Princess Anne. 2. Mary D., born in Princess Anne, who became the wife of William H. Staub, of Baltimore, and the mother of their daughter, Jane Carlisle Staub, born in Boston, Massachusetts.

**HAROLD BURGIE PLUMMER, M.D.**—One of the younger professional men whose practice of medicine in Preston is well established is Dr. Harold B. Plummer. In addition to a private general practice, he is associated with several hospitals, and has a teaching appointment. Dr. Plummer is also well-known in fraternal circles.

Son of George E. and Margaret Estelle (Burgien) Plummer, Harold B. Plummer was born in Wilmington, Delaware, June 30, 1909. His father, a native of Salem County, New Jersey, was an insurance salesman by occupation, while his mother was a native Marylander, former resident of Cecil County. Both parents are living. Harold B. Plummer attended high school in his native city of Wilmington, then entered the University of Delaware, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1931. He took his medical studies at Jefferson Medical College, and received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1935.

After a year's internship at the Delaware Hospital in Wilmington, Dr. Plummer entered practice in 1936. His practice has always been in Preston. Dr. Plummer is on the staff of the Easton Memorial Hospital and the Cambridge Hospital, and has an appointment teaching nurses at the Easton Hospital. He served as president, from 1941 and 1945, of the County Medical Society, and holds memberships in the Maryland Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

An Ancient Free and Accepted Mason, Dr. Plummer is past master of the Easton Lodge No. 207, and a member of the Caroline-Dorchester Counties Past Masters Association. He belongs to the Lions Club, and was past president and district zone chairman in 1943, and deputy district governor in 1944. He is also a member of the Belmont Golf Club. His church is the Methodist, and he is an independent Democrat in his political views.

Dr. Plummer has a record of military service; he served as a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps, and as first lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Corps. He makes a hobby of scrap-books and is an amateur potographer.

On June 30, 1938, Dr. Harold B. Plummer married Cornelia De Wilde, of Caroline County, daughter of Peter and Maria (Abrahamse) De Wilde. They are the parents of two children: 1. Ann Marie, who was born January 30, 1941. 2. John Harold, born March 26, 1944.

**RANDOLPH JENKINS**, with his brother Marvin L. Jenkins, now owns and operates the plumbing and heating concern of Morris & Morris in Salisbury, with which he has been associated for fifteen years. The two Jenkins brothers bought out the firm of Morris & Morris in 1946.

Born in Salisbury on September 27, 1906, Randolph Jenkins is a son of Durand N. and Lucy Elizabeth (Willing) Jenkins, his father being in charge of maintenance at the Peninsula General Hospital in Salisbury. Randolph Jenkins attended the elementary and high schools of Salisbury. Upon leaving school at the age of eighteen he entered the employ of Morris & Morris, the well-known plumbing and heating com-



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pany of Salisbury, and in course of time became foreman of the shop for this concern. He remained with it for fifteen years, after which he and his brother Marvin bought out the company in 1946 and have since operated the business.

Randolph Jenkins enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942 and during World War II he saw three years of active service in the Pacific. He was in a land-based construction outfit and went in with the first Marines in Guadalcanal, Munda, Green Island, New Guinea and Mana, in the Admiralty group. He received his discharge in 1945. Mr. Jenkins is a member of the Salisbury Post of the American Legion, and of Trinity Methodist Church, in Salisbury.

He married (first) Nora Birch, the daughter of Kendall and Margaret Birch, and they had one son, Richard Jenkins, born July 4, 1936. He married (second) on October 15, 1942, Myrtle E. Elliott, the marriage taking place in Salisbury.

**MARVIN LEE JENKINS**—In 1946 Marvin Lee Jenkins, with his brother Randolph Jenkins, bought the well-known plumbing and heating concern of Morris & Morris of Salisbury, with which Mr. Jenkins had previously been associated. As owners of this concern, the Jenkins brothers operate throughout the Eastern Shore region, handling a very large volume of business.

Son of Durand N. and Lucy Elizabeth (Willing) Jenkins, Marvin Lee Jenkins was born in Salisbury on February 16, 1913. Marvin L. received his education in the elementary schools of Salisbury and Salisbury High School. After leaving school he spent four years in the employ of Morris & Morris, learning the plumbing and heating business. He then became associated with the Lewis Morgan Plumbing Company and worked with this concern for ten years.

At the end of that period, he and his brother Randolph Jenkins bought out the Morris & Morris plumbing and heating company with which he had had his initial experience in the plumbing trade. This was in 1946 and since then the two Jenkins brothers have operated the business. They have a very large clientele throughout the Eastern Shore. Mr. Jenkins is a member of the Wicomico County Master Plumbers Association. He attends the Asbury Methodist Church of Salisbury.

He married at Salisbury on March 6, 1936, Lena Smullen, the daughter of George and Roxie (Phippen) Smullen. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have three children: Sylvia Ruth Jenkins, born March 19, 1937; Charlotte Lee Jenkins, born September 17, 1940; and Barbara Anne Jenkins, born June 3, 1946. All were born at Salisbury.

**J. HERBERT PILCHARD**—An example of the healthy and energetic condition of free enterprise in Pocomoke City is afforded by the business career of J. Herbert Pilchard. Though still a young man, the beginnings and continued growth of his business—that of retailing farm implements—are a tribute to his initiative, confidence, and ability.

Born in that city on October 12, 1913, Mr. Pilchard is the son of Alonzo W. and Mollie N. (Taylor) Pilchard, both of Worcester County, Maryland. His father was a farmer, and a lifelong adherent of the Democratic party. The young man was educated in the public schools and the high school of Pocomoke City. From 1927 until 1937 he assisted his father with general farming.

In May of 1937, his plans for the founding of his

own business enterprise took root. He, together with his brothers, Maurice W. and Clayton H. Pilchard, began a dealership for the retailing of farm machinery for the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, and have since added numerous other lines to the business, bearing such well-known trade names as New Idea, New Holland, O. K. Champion, Ontario Drills, Boggs Graders, and DeKalb hybrid seed corn.

The choice of business was a wise one, for it fulfills a basic need in this agricultural community. Hence its growth has been impressive. A branch of the concern has been opened at Salisbury, which is managed by Clayton H. Pilchard. Both branches are operated under the name of Pilchard Brothers, and they give employment to twelve people. Mr. Maurice W. Pilchard has since withdrawn from the business, and at present is devoting his time to his farms and other interests.

While acquiring an enviable reputation as a business man, Mr. Pilchard has not disregarded other activities. He takes advantage of the professional associations afforded by membership in the Mar-Del-Va Farm Equipment Association. He belongs to the Lions and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The activities of the Worcester Sportsmens Club and the Pocomoke Athletic Club afford diversion; and his interest in the educational responsibilities of the community keeps him an interested member of the Parent Teacher Association. He attends the Baptist Church.

At Pocomoke City, on December 24, 1933, J. Herbert Pilchard married Louise W. Sparrow. Miss Sparrow, a native of Accomac County, Virginia, was the daughter of Edward and Katherine (Taylor) Sparrow. There have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Pilchard four children: 1. Carroll Edward, born 1936. 2. Donald, who is deceased. 3. Howard Wesley, born in 1940. 4. Elaine Mae, born May 22, 1943.

**CLAYTON FRANKLIN LAMBERTSON**—The mayor of Pocomoke City, Maryland, and a man interested in all its affairs, Clayton Franklin Lambertson comes to this post from his own successful business as electrical contractor.

Mr. Lambertson was born in Pocomoke City, April 26, 1905. His father was Isaac Harrison Lambertson, who was born near Pocomoke City in 1868, and died in 1927. Florence Alberta (Ardis) Lambertson, his mother, was a native of Accomac County, Virginia, born there in 1870. She died in 1945.

His boyhood Clayton Lambertson spent on his father's farm, located at Worcester, near Pocomoke City. He helped his father, and attended Pocomoke City public schools. In 1927 he was employed by the Eastern Shore Public Service Company as electrician, a position which he held until 1933. In that year he started business for himself, and has since remained in the electrical contracting business in Pocomoke City. He has had contracts for a variety of work: building and motor wiring, house wiring, and assignments in freezing plants and canneries. His business employs several men full time.

Mr. Lambertson has long been active in Democratic politics in his community, and has served, with a high degree of responsibility, several posts. He was, first, member of the town council from 1942 to 1946, during which period he became its president. He was elected mayor in April, 1946, and his present term will continue until April of 1948. He has been for nineteen years member of the city fire company, and is now assistant chief.

In the hours when Mr. Lambertson is free from



the demands of his business and of public office, he is active in a number of organizations. He is a member of the Del Marva Electric Association and the Pocomoke Business Men's Association, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Lions. His clubs are the Sportsmans and the Athletic. He attends the Salem Methodist Episcopal Church.

Clayton Franklin Lambertson married, in Stockton, Maryland, on October 27, 1928, Miss Bertha Wilkerson, a native of Pocomoke City. She is the daughter of Elihu and India (Outten) Wilkerson. Mr. and Mrs. Lambertson have a daughter, Dorothy Mae, born February 26, 1937.

**JOHN LLOYD WILKINSON**—A young lawyer who has begun a promising career in the city of Baltimore is John Lloyd Wilkinson, a native of that city.

The son of Daniel Lloyd and Catherine A. (Wolfe) Wilkinson, he was born May 27, 1914. He has a background in the legal tradition, for his father too was a lawyer, having died from influenza during World War I.

Mr. Wilkinson was educated at Baltimore City College, where he was president of his senior class, and at the University of Baltimore Law School, class of 1936. While at the University, he was a member and secretary of the legal fraternity, Gamma Eta Gamma.

Since 1935 he has been affiliated with the Title Guarantee Company, which was formerly known as the Title Guarantee and Trust Company. Since being admitted to the practice of law in the state of Maryland, October 7, 1941, he has continued his connection with this title company, except for his period of World War II service in the Coast Guard.

Entering this branch of the service as an ensign, he served three and a half years, and was discharged from active duty as a lieutenant. For a period of one year he was in the North Atlantic aboard the United States Coast Guard cutter "Algonquin," as communications officer and senior watch officer. Later he was executive officer and commanding officer of an army supply ship serving islands in the Philippines.

Mr. Wilkinson's service in the Coast Guard terminated January 10, 1946. Since his return he has been active in the life of his community as well as in his professional pursuits. He is a member of the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City, and was vice president of this organization in Worcester County during 1947 and 1948. He is also a member of the St. John's Men's Club, an organization of the Mount Washington Episcopal Church.

At Baltimore, on April 15, 1939, John Lloyd Wilkinson married Margaret E. Kahl. She is the daughter of Walter Harmon Kahl, who was born in Baltimore, June 12, 1884, and died March 17, 1939, and of Mary Edna (Roe) Kahl, who was born in Roesville, July 5, 1884.

**MARK BAKER ROBBINS** is engaged with his brothers in the business of canning peeled tomatoes in Dorchester County, with two plants at Andrews, where he lives, and another at Vienna. In addition to marketing canned tomatoes all over the United States east of the Rockies under the name of Robbins Brand, the three brothers operate a fur trapping business known as Robbins Brothers.

Mark Baker Robbins was born April 5, 1913, at Robbins, Dorchester County, the son of Alexander G.

and Vertie (Shorter) Robbins, both natives of Robbins. Alexander G. Robbins, who died in 1920, was a canner, and he also conducted extensive research on steel traps for the W. A. Gibbs Company, pioneers in humane traps.

When Mark Baker Robbins was a small boy his father gave him a section of marshland where he could set his own traps and learn the fundamentals of the trade. As he grew up he devoted his time to trapping and studying. When he reached the age of twenty-one, he went to New York to attend a school of the National Can Corporation. He then went on the road for that organization, covering seven Midwestern states. After five years with this concern he purchased canning machinery from a firm in Indiana, brought it to Dorchester County and set it up at Andrews. The first year this plant canned twenty-five thousand cases of peeled tomatoes. The business grew rapidly, and, with his brothers, Mr. Robbins has one more plant, at Vienna. He now cans two hundred and fifty thousand cases of peeled or skinned tomatoes. At the peak of the season three hundred and fifty persons are employed, and the product is marketed widely. Most of the profits from these two canneries have been put into Mr. Robbins' first love, the fur trapping industry, and he and his brothers now own over ten thousand acres of marshland. At the low point of the muskrat cycle they employ eleven trappers, and in peak season they employ about forty.

The firm of Robbins Brothers has its own fleet of trucks for hauling produce from all over the peninsula, and Mr. Robbins has always been very outspoken in his demand for good roads. When he ran for the office of county commissioner in 1946 on the Democratic ticket, he was elected, taking office December 5, 1946, and being made chairman of the board. He is a member of the Tri-State Canners Association. He is a member of the Bounds Methodist Church at Robbins. Mr. Robbins makes a hobby of amateur photography, and his keen interest and pleasure in hunting are such as to rank that also as a hobby, despite his making a business of fur trapping.

He married on October 18, 1938, Betty Belle Andrews of Red Key, Indiana, and they have three children: 1. Nancy Ann, born December 29, 1939 at Cambridge. 2. Sandra B., born November 25, 1944, also at Cambridge. 3. Marba Belle, born December 14, 1948, at Cambridge.

**HOWARD THOMAS WALLER**, president and general manager of the Culver Men's Shop, Inc., of Delmar, Delaware, one of the finest establishments of its sort on the Eastern Shore, was born in Princess Anne on September 3, 1912, the son of Howard P. and Irene Elizabeth (Heath) Waller. His father was for many years in the employ of the E. S. Adkins Lumber Company.

Howard Thomas Waller attended the public schools of his native Princess Anne. After leaving high school he worked for a year in the DuPont Hotel in Wilmington. He then returned to Maryland and spent two years in the employ of the Morris Plumbing Company, learning the trade, and one year with the Lewis Morgan Plumbing Company. He next clerked for a year in the drug store of the Reed Drug Company in Salisbury. In 1934 he became associated with his father-in-law Samuel N. Culver, owner of the Culver Men's Shop in Delmar, Delaware, and he has been active in this shop ever since, except for the years spent in the service during World War II. In 1943 he joined the armed forces, serving with the 15th Air Force, 49th



*M. Baker Robbins*









*A. G. Robbins*



*Vertie Robbins*





Wing of the United States Army Air Corps. He was a nose-gunner on a B-24 Flying Fortress and participated in the Rome-Arno, Po Valley, Southern France, Northern France, Rhineland, and the Balkan air combat campaigns. He received the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the European and Mediterranean Theater ribbon with bronze and silver stars. Nose-gunner Waller flew twenty-five missions, serving with the rank of staff sergeant, and after three years of service was discharged from the armed forces in October, 1945. He then returned to Delmar, and the Culver Men's Shop, Inc., of which he is now president as well as general manager, his wife, Amy C. Waller, holding the offices of secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Waller is active in community affairs and a member of many local organizations. He is a member of the Delmar Lions Club and at the present time is president of the Delmar Chamber of Commerce. He is active in Post Number 8276 of Delmar, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and in Post Number 15 of the American Legion. An enthusiastic sportsman, he is a member of the Tri-State Sportsman Club of Salisbury, the Delmar Skeet Club and the Delmar Rod and Gun Club, and he belongs also to the Delmar Cotillion Club, and to the Exchange Club of Salisbury. Fraternally he is affiliated with Delmar Lodge No. 201, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, with the Tall Cedars Lodge of Perfection of Salisbury and the Chesapeake Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, holding the Thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He is also affiliated with Lodge Number 582 of Delmar of the Loyal Order of Moose. He belongs to the Methodist Church.

Howard Thomas Waller was married at Salisbury, on September 2, 1933, to Amy L. Culver, daughter of Samuel N. and Helen L. (Truitt) Culver, her father being the founder of the Culver Men's Shop in Delmar.

**JOHN PALMER** has enjoyed a diversified career. He has been a machinist, telegrapher and railroad employee, salesman and farmer. This varied experience has probably been invaluable in imparting the business skill which has made his present enterprise successful. This undertaking he operates under the firm name of Willards Hardware and Farm Implements. Located at Willards, Maryland, it satisfies this rural area's needs in agricultural equipment.

The family name which Mr. Palmer bears is an ancient one. It is derived from the practice of certain pilgrims, returned from the Holy Land during the period of the Crusades, of carrying with them at all times a palm branch, as token of having completed this mission. The first representative of John Palmer's family to have arrived on American soil was Abraham Palmer, who arrived in Salem, Massachusetts in 1628, and who was founder of the first church in Charlestown, Massachusetts, in 1630. His ancestry was both English and Irish. Harry E. Palmer, father of John Palmer whom we are now considering, has always been a resident of Maryland, has served for a number of years as secretary to the Berlin Building & Loan Association, and owns a large farm upon which he still lives. He married Nancy Elizabeth Rayne, now deceased, and their son John was born in Berlin, Maryland, on June 9 1903, the sixth of twelve children.

After education in the public schools of his native place, John Palmer went to work on his father's farm, which is located near Berlin. At seventeen he went to Wilmington, Delaware, and there entered the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad, learning the machinist's

trade. He left Wilmington after two years and, returning to Berlin, married at the age of nineteen, and gained experience in the manufacture of strawberry crates, working for his father-in-law. He then returned with the Pennsylvania Railroad, learned telegraphy, and after six months passed his examination, and went to work as extra agent at the Showell Station for three years. He was advanced to permanent agent, and remained two years longer, but left to become a salesman for the Wene Hatchery.

After one year spent in selling chicks, Mr. Palmer concluded that his experience in this field, in addition to his knowledge of farming, could be put to more profitable use in the operation of an independent business. Thus began Mr. Palmer's individual enterprises. In 1936 he began the operation of a hatchery, and also raised broilers, and after six years of conducting this business, chose to emphasize the latter aspect of the work. Selling out his hatchery, he continued management of his broiler farm.

Mr. Palmer later terminated all farming pursuits, and since 1949 has been engaged exclusively in the retailing of hardware and farm implements. In that year he established his present business, Willards Hardware and Farm Implements, located at Willards. His lifelong acquaintanceship with the needs and problems of agriculture place him in a particularly advantageous position in serving the community, and his volume of business has been appreciable. He deals in hardware of every description, as well as farm implements which include the Ferguson and New Ideals lines; and his realization of every farmer's needs has led to the building up of a remarkably complete stock.

In addition to the business he has founded, Mr. Palmer is affiliated with the Bishopville Bank, in which organization he is a stockholder. Active in lodge affairs, he is a member of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in all its branches, being a Thirty-second degree Mason. He likewise belongs to the Bishopville Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his family attend the Methodist Church of Showell.

At Snow Hill, John Palmer was married to Edith Shockley, daughter of Orlando M. and L. Caroline (Mumford) Shockley, her father being engaged in the lumber business at Showell, Maryland, where the Palmers now reside. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have become the parents of five children: 1. Carolyn Elizabeth, born July 7, 1923, married to Burton Cathell, and the mother of two children, Burton David and Constance Elizabeth; the Cathells reside in Baltimore. 2. John Richard, born July 21, 1925, married Betty May Tindall. 3. James Orlando, born May 14, 1928, married Betty Ann Long. 4. Charles Edward, born December 12, 1930. 5. Ellen Rosemary, born August 17, 1940.

**JOHN THOMPSON BROWN AMBLER, M.D.**  
—During the comparatively brief period of his professional practice in Easton, Dr. Thompson Ambler has built up a successful practice and the good reputation which attends skilled service to a community. He is a member of the staff of the Easton Memorial Hospital, and has already joined actively in the affairs of a number of local organizations.

Born in Roanoke, Virginia, May 20, 1910, Thompson Ambler was the son of Dr. Edward Cary and Fannie Waller (Brown) Ambler. His father, also a doctor of medicine practicing for some time in Roanoke, Virginia, died in 1938. His mother, a native of Nelson

County, Virginia, is still living. Thompson Ambler attended school in Roanoke, thereafter entering the University of Virginia College and later the School of Medicine, where he took his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1936. He interned at the City Hospital of Baltimore for one year, and at the Church Home and Hospital for one year. For three years he was resident at the Easton Memorial Hospital, with which he still retains his connection. Dr. Ambler entered the service of the United States Army in 1941, and spent one year at Camp Lee and was a captain in the 110th Field Artillery, 29th Division, overseas. Discharged in September, 1945, he took one year of graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania before resuming practice in Easton in 1946. His practice is entirely devoted to surgery. He is a member of the American Medical Association, and the state and Talbot County medical societies. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Ambler is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Lions Club, and the Talbot Country Club, and belongs to two yacht clubs, the Chesapeake Bay and the Tred Avon. He enjoys the active sports of aviation and golf. His church is the Christ Episcopal. Dr. Ambler is unmarried.

**JOHN CANNON NORTH**—Few citizens of Easton have filled more public offices with greater distinction than has John Cannon North, whose name has been associated with the bench and bar of Talbot County since the time of his first law practice in 1920. The list of his services is lengthy and impressive; his banking activities have enhanced his reputation in business; and he is popular as fraternalist and clubman. An active mind, a fine sense of public responsibility, and a lively interest in the more worth-while activities of his community, have made John Cannon North respected in the highest degree, in the city of Easton and throughout the Eastern Shore.

Mr. North is a native of Talbot County. He was born August 10, 1896, in Tilghman, son of Robert Risdon North, sailor and merchant, and Nodie Seymour (Covington) North. He graduated from Easton High School in June, 1916, and in the autumn of the following year entered Georgetown University, pursuing courses in the law department, and receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws in June, 1920. Mr. North was admitted on examination to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia on October 6 of that year; and to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, also on examination, on the next day. He had previously, in February of 1920, been admitted to the Court of Appeals of the State of Maryland. On May 11, 1925, Mr. North was made a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

John Cannon North has practiced in Easton since the completion of his legal training; and has held one or another public office during almost that entire period. His first such office was as town clerk of Easton, which he held from 1921 to 1923. In the latter year he became State's Attorney for Talbot County, serving until 1927. Since March, 1927, Mr. North has been examiner in chancery for the circuit court of Talbot County, and he has retained this position concurrently with other responsibilities of public office. From 1933 to 1937 he was police justice, and judge of the juvenile court of Talbot County, and in the latter year became attorney to the county commissioners, serving until 1939. He was, from 1943 to 1947, trial

magistrate of Talbot County. To the bench of that county, John Cannon North has brought, in his various judiciary capacities, a wisdom and understanding, and a sympathy for people, coupled with impeccable legal preparation and comprehension of the spirit, as well as the letter, of the law. He has also served as attorney to the mayor and council of Easton; likewise as attorney to the town commissioners of the neighboring community of Oxford, for knowledge of his abilities and appreciation of the quality of his public service have become current throughout the Eastern Shore. In wartime as well as peacetime capacities, he has given unselfishly of his time and talents, having served as government appeal agent under the Selective Service Act for a period of three years during World War II, and is at present government appeal agent under peacetime legislation. He is a member of the Maryland Selective Service Reserve Association.

Professionally, Mr. North is a member of the American Bar Association, as well as of those of the state of Maryland and Talbot County. His distinguished public service has made him eligible for membership in such organizations as the Maryland Police Association, Inc., and Boys Town, Nebraska, of which he is an honorary citizen. He is also an honorary member of the Talbot County Women's Club.

Particularly active as a lodgeman, Mr. North is a member of Coats Lodge No. 102, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Easton; Miller Lodge No. 18, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Easton; and the Easton Lodge, No. 1622, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a Royal Arch Mason, belonging to Talbot Chapter No. 22, in Easton.

As an alumnus of Georgetown University, Mr. North retains membership in the university's alumni association. He is a devoted supporter of religious work, and a member of the Gideons International, as well as a communicant of the Methodist Church in Easton. As a sport, he enjoys yachting, and is a member of the Miles River Yacht Club, of St. Michaels.

Mr. North has long been prominent in banking circles. He was elected a director of the Liberty Bank in Easton in 1922, has been vice president of that institution since 1937. He is also attorney for the Liberty Bank, having served in that capacity since 1939; and he has since 1931 been attorney likewise for the Tilghman Bank.

At Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., on March 25, 1922, John Cannon North married Mary Elisabeth Lednum, daughter of Alexander and Sara Eliza (Clifton) Lednum. Mr. and Mrs. North are the parents of a son, John Cannon, II, born October 16, 1930. He attended the Easton High School and Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in June, 1947. In September of that year he entered the University of Virginia, where he is now a student.

**JUDGE JOHN THOMAS TUCKER**, Associate Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, to which he was elected on November 4, 1946 for a term of fifteen years, has always taken a keen interest in everything that concerns the Eastern Shore region where he was born and grew up. He is an active member of the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City and served as its president in 1938. Judge Tucker is prominent in civic affairs and quick to lend his support to all that makes for the public welfare.

He was born in Queen Annes County, Maryland,





John C. Foster



on October 8, 1891, the son of William C. and Mary (Price) Tucker. His father was a school teacher and a farmer, and later in his life engaged in the real estate and the fertilizer business.

John Thomas Tucker attended the local public schools, graduating from the Centerville High School. He then studied for two years at St. John's College in Annapolis, after which he entered the University of Maryland for his legal training and in 1915 graduated from the Law School there, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. During World War I he served as a first lieutenant in the Adjutant General's Department. For many years Judge Tucker practiced his profession in Baltimore as a member of the law firm of Carman, Tucker & Anderson. On June 18, 1943, he was appointed by the Governor of Maryland to sit on the Supreme Bench of Baltimore, and filled this office under appointment until November 4, 1946, when he was elected for a term of fifteen years. Judge Tucker is a member of the Baltimore City Bar Association, Maryland State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He is vice president of the board of managers of Spring Grove State Hospital, and a member of the board of directors of the Child Study Center of Maryland, having served as chairman of the board from 1942 to 1947. He belongs also to the Wednesday Law Club, the Baltimore Rotary Club, the Baltimore Country Club, and a number of other organizations, including the Maryland Historical Society and the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City, in both of which he takes a very real interest. He is a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa college fraternity. In his religious affiliation, Judge Tucker is a Baptist.

He married in Baltimore on May 31, 1923, Clara A. Davis, the daughter of E. Asbury and Virginia (Conrad) Davis. Judge and Mrs. Tucker have two children: Mary Virginia Tucker, born October 18, 1925, now Mrs. Webster Blood; and Asbury D. Tucker, born July 13, 1931.

**PAUL J. WILKINSON**—An executive of The Title Guarantee Company, Paul J. Wilkinson is prominent in the business life of Baltimore.

His father, Lloyd Wilkinson, was a lawyer and state insurance commissioner of Maryland from 1900 to 1904. He was member of the House of Delegates, Worcester County, from 1896 to 1900 and in the latter year was Speaker of the House. He was member of the House of Delegates from Baltimore City from 1912 to 1916. He married Jennie F. Mathews, and their son, Paul J., was born at Pocomoke City, October 6, 1893.

Paul J. Wilkinson received his Bachelor of Science degree from Washington College in 1913. Continuing his professional preparation, he attended the Graduate School of Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Maryland, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1916.

Mr. Wilkinson served in World War I from August, 1917 to January, 1919, with the 813th Pioneer Infantry. He began his career in 1923, with what was then known as the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, and this affiliation he has continued to the present time, rising to the position of vice president. He is a member of the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City, of which organization he was president in 1942, and is also a member of the Baltimore Country Club.

Paul J. Wilkinson married, in Atlanta, Georgia, April 30, 1918, Gladys Aldridge, the daughter of William R. and Mary Rebecca Aldridge, of Chestertown, Maryland.

**H. MERRILL WALTERS**—In point of commercial activities, H. Merrill Walters can be called one of the seniors in the insurance business in Pocomoke City, of which community he is a native and lifelong resident.

He is the son of Dr. William H. Walters, born at Accomac County, Virginia, April 30, 1865, died at Pocomoke, Maryland, in 1939, and his wife the former Annie Merrill, who was born at Pocomoke in March, 1867, and died here in November, 1941. Dr. Walters' professional connections were with the Maryland Dental Association, the National Dental Association, and other related organizations. H. Merrill Walters attended the public schools of his birthplace, was graduated from the Pocomoke High School, class of 1906, and entered the Maryland Agricultural College, now the University of Maryland. His first employment of note was with E. James Tull, at Pocomoke City, shipbuilder. In 1915 he established himself in an insurance business and has since sold practically all types of insurance except life. His office has remained in Pocomoke City in the Peninsula Building. He figures prominently in insurance organizations such as the Maryland Association of Insurance Agents, of which he is a past president. He is now a director of the National Association of Insurance Agents. Like his father before him, Mr. Walters is a Democrat in political allegiance. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is a former president of the Rotary Club of Pocomoke City, and belongs to the Winter Quarters Country Club. He attends the Presbyterian Church, and is active in religious, charitable and civic projects.

At Pocomoke, H. Merrill Walters married Jennie Pilchard, born in this city, daughter of Henry B. and Lou (Hearne) Pilchard. Her father was also born in this same place, and her mother in Delaware. Mr. and Mrs. Walters are the parents of two sons, born in Pocomoke: H. Merrill, Jr., and Henry Walters.

**WILLARD J. STEVENSON**—Since young manhood Willard J. Stevenson has been connected with the banking business in Maryland in general and in Pocomoke City in particular. For forty-five years he has been with the Pocomoke City National Bank, which in very recent years became affiliated with the County Trust Company, of Cambridge.

He was born in Pocomoke City, on August 1, 1881, son of James G. and Elizabeth (Hearne) Stevenson, the former a native of Somerset County, his wife of Pocomoke. For the most of his life James G. Stevenson has been an expert cabinetmaker and funeral director. Willard J. Stevenson completed his formal education at the turn of the century and then for three years he was employed by his uncle, Ira T. Stevenson, in a confectionery business located in Pocomoke. On November 23, 1903, however, he entered banking as a clerk with the Pocomoke City National Bank. He served in a number of private capacities and won promotion to teller, then was named assistant cashier, and in 1933 was elected cashier. In 1946 the Pocomoke City National Bank became a branch of the County Trust Company, of Cambridge, with which Mr. Stevenson continues as cashier.

Down through the years Mr. Stevenson by reason



of his banking work, and his personal character and readiness to serve the public, has become the friend and adviser of a host of clients of the institution. He is active in the life of Pocomoke City. He is a past president of the Lions Club, is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Crescent Lodge, No. 178, and is a charter member of the Winter Quarters Country Club. Along the lines of his business, he is a member of the Tri-State Bankers Association, the Maryland State Bankers Association, and the American Bankers Association. A prominent churchman, he is a communicant of the Salem Methodist Episcopal Church; he is president of the official board, president of the Men's Sunday school class, and treasurer of the Sunday school.

On December 21, 1929, at Centerville, Maryland, Willard J. Stevenson married Naomi Dawson, who was born at Summit, Maryland, daughter of Dr. George White Dawson and the former Adelaide Corcoran. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson are the parents of a son: Willard Dawson, who was born at Pocomoke City, June 12, 1931, a graduate of Pocomoke High School, and now a student at the University of Maryland.

**MADISON HEBER LANE**—Partner in the successful automotive agency, the Preston Motor Company, Madison Heber Lane is a business man of Preston whose initiative and able management have been important factors in the growth of this concern. Outside of the commercial sphere, he is a lively influence in civic affairs.

Son of Edward V. and Mary Catherine (Wright) Lane, both of Caroline County, Madison H. Lane was born at Choptank, in that county, June 4, 1902. His father was a farmer, and both parents are still living, his father being eighty-three and his mother seventy-two years of age at the time of this writing. Brought up on his parents' farm, he attended public schools, and remaining on the home acres, engaged in farming until he was twenty-four years of age. He then entered the automobile business as parts man for the Preston Motor Company, which was then under the proprietorship of John Noble. He remained in this connection until 1936, when he and Frank C. Brauchle (q.v.) formed a partnership to manage the Preston Motor Company, the organization continuing thus to the present time. In 1948 the Preston Implement and Tractor Company was started, retailing tractors over an unlimited territory. The Ford agency, which the Preston Motor Company has held throughout, has a territory which covers a fifty-mile radius from Preston. Normally about twenty persons are employed by the business, which makes it one of the larger automotive agencies on the Eastern Shore. The showroom is modern and of impressive appearance, and servicing of automobiles is done in efficient and friendly fashion.

Mr. Lane is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and, locally, is active in the Lions Club, of which he is past president. During World War II he was of service to his community as a member of the advisory committee on selective service. He is a Democrat in his political views, and a member of the Bethesda Church. As a recreation he enjoys water activities, takes full advantage of the proximity of Chesapeake Bay, and has his own boat. He is well recognized among members of the local boating and fishing fellowship, and is a director of the Chesapeake Fishing Fair Association.

On June 4, 1926, Madison Heber Lane married Bertha E. Brodes of Bethlehem, Maryland.

**CARLOS CLINTON CRAWFORD**, owner and principal of the Salisbury Institute, which he established in Salisbury in 1941, was born in Wheatland, Missouri, on March 29, 1889, the son of Albert Henry and Augusta (Collins) Crawford, his father being a farmer and for many years judge of the Hickory County Court in Hickory County, Missouri.

Carlos Clinton Crawford attended the local schools of Wheatland, and Emporia High School at Emporia, Kansas, after which he completed the course at the State Teachers College at Emporia, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce. Later on, he studied at the University of Chicago, where he received the degree of Master of Arts, specializing in commercial subjects. Mr. Crawford also took post-graduate work for a year and a half in the Teachers College of Columbia University in New York City.

His first position was not as a teacher but with the firm of Ernst & Ernst, certified public accountants. After three years he left to enter the armed forces in World War I, serving in the 13th Division of the United States Army Medical Corps. When he returned to civilian life, he had decided to be a teacher of commercial subjects, and in this field he has had a wealth of experience through the years. He taught first at the State Teachers College in Maryville, Missouri, then from 1929 to 1935 was head of the commercial department of the State Teachers College at Valley City, North Dakota, and then became associated with Western Maryland College. In 1941, feeling that there was a place for a progressive and efficient business school on the Eastern Shore, which was developing rapidly, and particularly in the growing city of Salisbury, he opened the Salisbury Institute, which offers modern business training in all fields. Mr. Crawford is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Salisbury and of the local post of the American Legion. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Des Moines, Iowa, Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and he belongs to the Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa fraternity, at Columbia University, and to Pi Omega Pi, the national honorary commercial fraternity. He is a Methodist in his religious affiliation.

Carlos Clinton Crawford married on May 30, 1917, at Derby, Kansas, Juanita Mae Shields, the daughter of William W. and Alice (Wintermote) Shields, both now deceased. Mrs. Crawford's father was a farmer and storekeeper.

**ERNEST SHELDON JONES**—One of Salisbury's outstanding citizens, Ernest Sheldon Jones has served as the city's mayor and as judge of the People's Court and has held many other posts of trust.

He was born in Vienna, in Dorchester County, the son of Lulu (Gore) Jones and the late I. Ernest Jones. His father was a railroad official and one of the publishers of the "Salisbury Advertiser." He was very highly regarded in Salisbury and served as mayor of the city from 1916 to 1920. He held the post of county commissioner of Wicomico County at the time of his death on December 27, 1939.

Ernest Sheldon Jones attended the public schools of Wicomico County, graduating from high school in 1914. In 1916 he became the first night ticket agent at the Salisbury Union Station. The following year he was made post office clerk in the Salisbury post office, a position he held until 1921. Meantime, however, he served in Division Headquarters of the 79th Division of the United States Army during World War I, being stationed at Camp Meade, Maryland. In 1921 Mr. Jones broke away from his work at the



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post office to enter the newspaper field, and for the next two decades he gave most of his time to newspaper work. For the greater part of this time, from 1927 to 1940, he was managing editor of the "Salisbury Advertiser" and as such was in close touch with local affairs and quick to give his support to every good cause in the community. A staunch Democrat, he was elected in 1930 a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, and as a representative from Wicomico County served in this capacity until 1934. In that year he was elected mayor of Salisbury for a term of two years. In 1939 he was appointed by Governor (now U. S. Senator) O'Connor to the important post of judge of the People's Court, an office he filled until 1947. In the latter year he became secretary to the Wicomico County commissioners. During World War II, Judge Jones was commander of Company C of the 4th Battalion of the Maryland State Guard. He is a member and past president of the Salisbury Rotary Club, and a leading member of the Trinity Methodist Church, where he serves as secretary and treasurer of the board of trustees.

**GEORGE L. BROFFE** heads one of Cambridge's busiest and most rapidly growing industries. This is not his first such enterprise; his qualities of leadership and active mind have been proven in a number of industrial undertakings.

Born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, April 2, 1899, George L. Broffé was the son of J. L. and Sally (Livingston) Broffé. He attended public schools in New Brunswick, graduated from Rutgers Preparatory School, and then entered Princeton University.

Mr. Broffé's career in industry began when, on leaving Princeton, he associated himself with the Wright-Martin Company. After a short time with that organization, he entered the import and export business, specializing in chemicals lines. Later he was a member of the accounting firm of Arthur Young and Company. This firm was engaged for some time in work for the United States Shipping Board, and Mr. Broffé, being offered a connection with this agency, terminated his position with Arthur Young and Company. He was with the United States Shipping Board for several years, after which he entered the insurance business in his own name. He was then associated briefly with the George O'Connell Printing Company. Then followed an unusually interesting opportunity, affording foreign experience: he spent a period in South America as general manager of the American Midget Auto Racing Company.

He next centered his energies in a field in which he had previous experience, going with the Export Division of the United Aircraft Company. This position afforded invaluable preparation for the responsibilities assumed later on as president of Universal Aviation, Incorporated. While holding this office he assumed also the presidency of the Miller Marine Decking Company, and in 1941 became president of the Cambridge Shipbuilding Company. The next year he resigned from the Miller Marine Decking presidency, to devote his full time to the Cambridge Shipbuilding Company, coming to Cambridge as its general manager. Under his direction the local yard has grown from a modest concern employing four men to one giving employment to over five hundred. New equipment has been installed, and the company has received government contracts for the building of Air Corps rescue boats, and other craft ranging in length from sixty-five to one hundred and forty feet.

In 1946 Mr. Broffé once again extended the scope of his activities, buying the lumber division of the Cambridge Manufacturing Company and forming a corporation known as Cambridge Industries, Incorporated, which now operates as the Cambridge Lumber Manufacturers Company. This concern runs its own sawmill and does its own logging, and in addition, disposes of the entire output of four other sawmills. They manufacture doors, windows and all special millwork.

A recent interesting project of Mr. Broffé's aggregate of industrial concerns is a large building recently constructed for indoor boat storage, and showroom. This modern structure measures one hundred and thirty feet in length and sixty-five in width, and is twenty-eight feet high.

His shipyards, noted for their efficient management, have promoted the Hampton craft, and have since developed the Cambridge Cadet. Thus, though this industrial activity was most important during the trying days of World War II, its production and its importance only began with that period. The trend toward output for a civilian market is indicated in the present production of a popular custom-built sixty-five-foot yacht.

In addition to construction projects, the Cambridge Shipbuilding Company maintains the agency for Christ-Craft and Sheppard Diesel engines.

Even at the present time Mr. Broffé's plans and activities do not remain static. In 1946 he was one of a group who formed the Chesapeake Airways, Incorporated, and is now a director of the organization.

Mr. Broffé is associated with the Chamber of Commerce, being a member of its New Industries Committee and its Airport Committee. He likes sports, particularly golf and tennis, and is a member of the Cambridge Country Club and the Cambridge Yacht Club. Other memberships include: The Wings Club, Incorporated, Talbot Country Club, Rehoboth Beach Country Club, National Association of Manufacturers, National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers, Atlantic Coast Boat Builders and Repairers Association, Incorporated, Middle Atlantic Lumberman's Association, and National Hardware Lumberman's Association. During World War I, Mr. Broffé served in the United States Army.

**CLEMON WASHINGTON OUTTEN**—Starting his career modestly as a farmer, it could hardly have been predicted that Clemon W. Outten would come into prominence as a leading business man of Snow Hill, owning the most valuable hotel, theater and apartment house properties in that town. He was, however, possessed of an exceptional business sense and acumen, and the success of his ventures, begun with the launching of a trucking business in 1927, has continued through his realty investments, dating from four years later and continuing, with marked growth, to the present.

Mr. Outten's parents were farm people. His father, Hiram B. Outten, was born in Pocomoke, January 16, 1859, and died in February, 1935. Emma L. (Tilghman) Outten, his mother, was born near Pocomoke in May, 1856, and died in December, 1938. Also born near the birthplace of his parents, on July 1, 1889, Clemon W. Outten was educated in the public schools of Worcester County and at McMaster School, thereafter joining his father on the farm. Here he continued until 1919, having, in 1913, purchased the farm himself. In 1919, however, he purchased, in place of this farm



near Pocomoke, one in the vicinity of Snow Hill, containing two hundred and fifty acres. Until 1927, he continued general farming.

In that year he moved into Snow Hill and began the operation of a trucking business. Operating between Snow Hill and Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore, this enterprise was continued until 1936.

In 1931 Mr. Outten's real estate transactions began, with the purchase of a one-half interest in Mason's Opera House. Six years later he acquired full ownership of this property, and has continued extending his holdings since that time, holding title at present to eight properties comprising the greater part of the chief commercial block in Snow Hill. On July 14, 1947, Mr. Outten also opened another theater, the Rio.

In 1941 he rebuilt and modernized the original Outten Theater, and the Outten Restaurant, which had been destroyed by fire. He has owned, since November, 1944, the Hotel Outten, where his offices are now located; and owns also an apartment house and five single houses in Snow Hill. Other holdings are a very valuable lot on Market Street running through to Willow Street in Pocomoke City, and a valuable summer home of ten rooms on Synapuxent Bay, near Ocean City, Maryland, one mile from the Atlantic Ocean.

It is in Snow Hill that Mr. Outten makes his residence. He is a member of the Methodist Church and is, as was his father, a Democrat.

At Pocomoke, on December 25, 1907, Clemon W. Outten married Sallie E. Landing. Miss Landing was born near that place, March 22, 1890. She was the daughter of Elton S. Landing of Pocomoke, who died in 1943, and of Argetta (Redden) Landing. Mr. and Mrs. Outten have become the parents of three children: 1. Madeline, born November, 1913, married J. Wallace Watson, and is the mother of two children, Linda Anne and Ronald Edward. 2. Audrey, born, as was her elder sister, at Pocomoke, January 30, 1917. She is married to Charles J. Kensey and they have one son, Charles Stephen and a daughter Joan Carla. 3. Clemon W., Jr., born near Snow Hill, April 23, 1923; married Ruth Anne Whibley of Wilmington, Delaware, January 25, 1943 and is the father of three children: Sharon Lee, Clemon, III, and Barbara Anne. Clemon W. Outten, Jr., served as a corporal in the 21st Weather Squadron in the European Theater during World War II.

**WADE HAMPTON INSLEY** has long been active in the insurance business in Salisbury, and for more than thirty years has also been engaged in the cannery business. A Democrat in his political ties, he has served on the Salisbury city council and has also been mayor of the city.

He was born on March 29, 1877, at Bivalve in Wicomico County, the son of a merchant of that place. In all probability this branch of the Insley family is descended from Andrew and Mary (Jones) Insley, who were living in New Haven, Connecticut, prior to 1692.

Wade Hampton Insley attended elementary school and high school in Wicomico County, and Western Maryland College, from which he graduated in the class of 1902. After leaving college, he went into the insurance business in Salisbury with his brother, John W. Insley. The agency handled all kinds of insurance, and since the death of his brother in 1932, Wade Hampton Insley has carried on the business, and in recent years has had his son Richard C. Insley associated with him. Meantime as long ago as 1917, Mr.

Insley had started in the cannery business in Salisbury. He cans on an average, one hundred thousand cases of tomatoes and sweet potatoes a year, and in this business his two sons, Herbert T. Insley and Wade H. Insley, Jr., are associated with him. Despite his activities in two separate lines of business endeavor, Mr. Insley has found time to take a keen interest in local affairs, and his fellow citizens have called upon him to fill public offices. Beginning in 1927 he served for four years as a member of the Salisbury city council and then served six years as the mayor of Salisbury. It is interesting that a third son has followed him into the field of public service, and is at present, city treasurer, in Salisbury. Mr. Insley is an active member of the Bethesda Methodist Church.

Mr. Insley married at Bivalve in December, 1903, Anna S. Horseman, the daughter of George C. and Julia Horseman, her father being the agent at Bivalve for the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic Railroad. Wade Hampton and Anna S. (Horseman) Insley are the parents of three children. 1. Herbert T. Insley, a graduate of Washington College, who is associated with his father in the canning business. 2. Wade Hampton Insley, Jr., an account of whom ensues. 3. Richard C. Insley, a graduate of the University of Maryland and associated with his father in the insurance business. He married Mary E. Wheatley of Princess Anne, and they have two children, Richard C. Insley and Mary E. Insley.

**WADE HAMPTON INSLEY, JR.**, holds the elective office of treasurer for the city of Salisbury, having been elected for a three-year term in 1941 and a four-year term in 1944. Mr. Insley is also engaged in the real estate business in Salisbury, and he is a partner in the canning business of Insley & Mitchell, a family concern located in Salisbury, canners of tomatoes and sweet potatoes.

He was born on June 9, 1906, at Tyaskin, the son of Wade Hampton and Anna S. (Horseman) Insley. Wade Hampton Insley is engaged in the general insurance, the real estate, and the canning business.

Wade Hampton Insley, Jr., attended Wicomico High School, after which he became a student at the University of Maryland, from which he graduated in 1929 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Soon after his graduation he went to work with the Resettlement Administration, a branch of the United States Government. The Resettlement Administration office was located in Salisbury, and the work consisted of purchasing submarginal land and converting it to forests. Mr. Insley worked with this organization from 1933 to 1941, holding the title of office manager and, later, of project manager. The work was scattered through the counties of Wicomico, Worcester, and Somerset. In 1941 Mr. Insley, who had always taken a keen interest in local affairs and was active as a member of the Democratic party organization, was elected treasurer of the city of Salisbury on the Democratic ticket. He held office for three years, and in 1944 was re-elected for a four-year term. He still holds this office at the present time. In addition to his public responsibilities, Mr. Insley has become associated with his father and brothers in various family enterprises. He is engaged in the real estate business in Salisbury, conducts a wholesale frozen food distribution business, and is a member of the firm of Insley & Mitchell, canners of tomatoes and sweet potatoes. Mr. Insley is a past president of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Wicomico County and serves on the board of directors of this club at the present time. He is a mem-





*B. Fuller Walters*



ber of the Salisbury Lions Club, and he attends the Bethesda Methodist Church, of which he is financial secretary and a member of the Board of Trustees.

Wade Hampton Insley, Jr., was married in Old Swede's Church in Wilmington, Delaware, on April 15, 1939, to Evelyn Virginia Long, the daughter of Hix and Clara B. Long. Mr. and Mrs. Insley have two children: Linda Ann, born June 25, 1941; and Wade Hampton Insley, III, born September 6, 1943.

**JOHN CLARENCE NORTH**—A younger member of the legal profession on the Eastern Shore, John Clarence North enjoys a growing practice in the city of Easton, where he has already earned a good reputation, not only in private practice but in civic connections.

Born August 25, 1922, at Tilghman, Mr. North is a son of Robert Risdon, Jr., and Effie (Tarr) North. His father is a former merchant of Easton who for the past fourteen years has held the position of auditor and examiner in the office of the state comptroller at Annapolis. At Easton, John Clarence North received his preliminary education, graduating from the high school there in June, 1939. His degree of Bachelor of Laws was granted by the University of Baltimore, from which he was graduated in June, 1947.

During the period between these two graduations, Mr. North rendered wartime service in the navy. He enlisted August 18, 1942, and served in the Pacific Fleet Radio Unit as chief specialist (Q) IN. He was stationed variously at the base of Naval Radio Activities, Washington; Naval Radio Station Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii; at the Naval Air Base at Kwajalein, Marshall Islands; and at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and was awarded ribbons corresponding to his theater of service, and a unit commendation award. On January 30, 1946, John Clarence North was honorably discharged.

Admitted to practice in the state of Maryland, November 13, 1947, shortly after his graduation from the University of Baltimore law school, Mr. North has since engaged in a general practice of law in Easton. He is a member of the Talbot County Bar Association, the Maryland State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Commercial Law League of America. His abilities have become apparent among civic leaders, and he has been elected secretary-treasurer, for 1948-1949, of the Talbot County Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. North is also a member of the Easton Lions Club, and as a former navy man belongs to Post No. 304 in Annapolis, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Fraternally, he is a member of Miller Lodge No. 18, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Easton. He is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. North is a Democrat in his politics. He makes his home in Easton, and is unmarried.

**BERNARD FULLER WALTERS**—Successfully engaged in the sale of farm implements at Pocomoke City, on the Eastern Shore, as was his father before him, Bernard Fuller Walters has carried on in the management of the Walters Implement Company, dispensing equipment highly valued in this area. He is highly rated as a business man, and is vice president of the Citizens National Bank. He is an all-round valuable citizen, and in both his commercial activities and civic interests serves his community well.

His father, Thomas Barton Walters, founder of the Walters Implement Company, was a native of Vir-

ginia, born in New Church, September 25, 1861. He was in turn the son of Elder Thomas and Gertrude (Jones) Walters. His father, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather were old-school Baptist preachers. Thomas B. Walters' early boyhood was spent in Baltimore, and he later came to Pocomoke City, where he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Major T. Hall. Mrs. Hall was his aunt. On November 8, 1883, Thomas Barton Walters married Harriett Amelia Hall, daughter of Jerome Bonaparte and Julia (Merrill) Hall. Of this marriage there were four children: Annie Gertrude, Bernard Fuller, Julia Bertha, and Wilhelmina Amelia. At one time Thomas B. Walters was connected with Hall Brothers Company, a firm engaged in the mercantile business in Pocomoke. At the conclusion of this part of his career, he was sales representative on the Eastern Shore for International Harvester Company of Chicago, Illinois. He remained in this capacity until June, 1920, when he started his own business, selling farm equipment. His first location was on the corner of Market and Fourth streets in Pocomoke City, and there the firm has maintained its headquarters since. The elder Mr. Walters remained in charge of the business until his death on March 11, 1931. He was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church for a number of years but later joined the Old School Baptist Church, the church of his ancestors. At the time of his death, he was a deacon in this church, the Snow Hill congregation. He was a member of the lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias, and the Democratic party.

Bernard Fuller Walters, second child and only son of Thomas Barton and Harriett Amelia (Hall) Walters, was born in Pocomoke City on July 9, 1886. His life was spent in Pocomoke until he completed his high school education. He then began his business career with the same company as had his father: the International Harvester Company, Baltimore Branch. With this large organization, he advanced to the position of zone manager. At present he is manager of the Walters Implement Company of Pocomoke City, the position left vacant by his father at the time of the latter's death in 1931. From that year dates Bernard F. Walters' association with the enterprise. The Walters Implement Company, which has earned recognition on the Eastern Shore as a reliable and sound business establishment, is located, as it has always been, at Fourth and Market streets. It deals in Farmall tractors and farm operating equipment, spare parts for farm apparatus, and services all types of such equipment.

Mr. Walters is vice president of the Citizens National Bank and past president of the Pocomoke Rotary Club. He is a Democrat in his political principles and, as was his father, is a member of the lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He takes a vital and unselfish interest in the work of the First Baptist Church of Pocomoke, and participates wholeheartedly in all community service projects.

At Daytona Beach, Florida, on April 18, 1917, Bernard Fuller Walters married Martha Beattie McKinney of Glade Springs, Virginia.

**EDGAR A. JONES** has practiced law in Princess Anne for a little over a quarter of a century. Mr. Jones is the owner of Millwood, the historic old place located in Mount Vernon, in Somerset County, which was built in 1713 and has been in the possession of his family since the time of Lord Baltimore. Mr. Jones is president of the Mutual Fire Insurance Com-

pany of Somerset and Worcester counties, which dates from 1867.

Despite the fact that his family ties in Maryland go back for generations, Edgar A. Jones was born in Corpus Christi, Texas, on July 12, 1892, the son of Edward A. and Elizabeth (Spann) Jones. Edward A. Jones, who had been born in Princess Anne, was a lawyer and practiced his profession at Waco, Texas. He fought in the Civil War as a member of the infantry. In political affiliation he was a Democrat. Elizabeth (Spann) Jones was a South Carolinian.

Edgar A. Jones was educated at Staunton Military Academy, at St. John's College, from which he graduated in the class of 1913, and at the University of Maryland. He was admitted to the Maryland bar in 1922 and since that time has engaged in general practice at Princess Anne, practicing in all of the courts. In addition to his legal practice, Mr. Jones devotes considerable time to the affairs of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Somerset and Worcester counties, of which he is the president. He takes pride in keeping up the fine service of this eighty-year-old mutual company, just as he does in maintaining Millwood, which is a superb specimen of early eighteenth-century Colonial architecture. Mr. Jones is a Democrat and a member of the Episcopal Church. He belongs to the Maryland Bar Association.

On July 27, 1916 at Abingdon, Virginia, he married Sally Waterman Gray, a native of Lynchburg, Virginia and the daughter of Howe Peyton and Bessie (Massey) Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of two children: 1. M. Garland, born June 10, 1918, in Princess Anne and now Mrs. Frederick D. Wright, 2. Alexander G., born in Princess Anne, March 25, 1927.

**FRANCIS L. HAYMAN**—For the past fourteen years Francis L. Hayman has been in the retail drug business in his native Princess Anne.

He was born in Princess Anne on May 14, 1910, the son of Charles H. and May Estelle (Le Compte) Hayman, the former a native of Princess Anne and the latter of Cambridge, Maryland. Charles H. Hayman was until his death in 1925 engaged in the hardware business in Princess Anne, handling also farm implements and building materials.

Francis L. Hayman attended the elementary schools of Princess Anne and Princess Anne High School, after which he became a student at William and Mary College, graduating there in the class of 1931. He is a member of Theta Delta Chi fraternity. In 1934 he purchased from George W. Colborn, Jr., a retail drug business for himself in Princess Anne, operating a general drug store since that time. He is a member and past president of the Princess Anne Business Men's Association; and his political and religious affiliations are with the Democratic party and the Episcopal Church.

He married, at Princess Anne on November 15, 1934, Marion C. Cochran, who was born in New York City, the daughter of General William B. and Matilde (Kessler) Cochran, the former a native of Middleburg, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Hayman are the parents of three children: 1. Michael, born in Princess Anne, June 23, 1936. 2. Robert Patrick, born in Princess Anne, December 19, 1938. 3. Louise Lake, born May 30, 1948.

**RUSSELL E. MATTHEWS** of Pocomoke City, is actively identified with several types of business, and at the same time is co-operative in community life

and affairs. Born near Pocomoke City, he is the son of C. Fuller and Jennie (Colona) Matthews, both natives of Worcester County. His father, now deceased, was a farmer and a Democrat in politics.

After attending the grade and high schools, Russell E. Matthews entered the employ of the Electric and Ice Manufacturing Company of Pocomoke, with which he remained from 1910 to 1930, with the exception of the years of World War I, when he served in the United States Army.

In 1930 he took over the retail ice sales of this company for himself under the corporate title of R. E. Matthews. Down through the years he has augmented his activities by purchasing a coal business from J. Francis Wilson, and starting an electrical appliances enterprise, both in 1931. He handles a complete line of Philco products. He operates six trucks and two horse drawn wagons.

When the United States became involved in World War I, Russell E. Matthews enlisted in the United States Army, 310th Field Artillery, 79th Division, becoming supply sergeant. He enlisted in 1917 and received his honorable discharge on June 3, 1919. During World War II he acted on the ration board. He is a member of the Winter Quarters Country Club, the Rotary Club, and is a past treasurer of Worcester Post No. 93, American Legion. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

On October 11, 1923, at Pocomoke City, Russell E. Matthews married Mary Hargis Scott, born in Somerset County, daughter of William J. and Ida (Hargis) Scott, both natives of Somerset County. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews are the parents of two children: 1. Winfred Scott, born at Pocomoke, January 20, 1928. 2. William Russell, born March 10, 1935.

**WILLIAM THOMAS MILES**—A comparatively new addition to the business men of Pocomoke City, William Thomas Miles brought to the community a breadth of experience in the oil trade.

He was born in Bloxom, Accomack County, Virginia, on May 16, 1901, son of John H. and Alicia A. (Barnes) Miles. His father was born at Craddockville, and his mother at Bloxom, Virginia, and both are now deceased. William Thomas Miles was reared on his father's farm and attended local schools. After being graduated from the Bloxom High School, class of 1917, he continued in agricultural pursuits with the older man until he became of age. As was somewhat a tradition in his family, upon reaching his majority, he felt free to choose some other occupation and he went into business for himself in Bloxom, a mercantile enterprise which he conducted for ten years. His first major connection with the petroleum business was when he became associated with Paul Scarborough in Virginia. He then was with the Holt Oil Company at Federalsburg, Maryland, from 1939 to 1945. It was therefore with accumulated experience that in the latter-named year he became distributor of American Company oil products, with headquarters at Pocomoke City, covering the country between this city and Cape Charles. He maintains a line of trucks and does a large business. In personal interests he is a Democrat in politics, belongs to the Lions Club, and is fraternally affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the higher bodies of the order and a Thirty-second degree Mason, Scottish Rite. He attends the Salem Methodist Episcopal Church.

On December 27, 1922, at Snow Hill, William Thomas Miles married Virginia Messick, born at Pocomoke City, daughter of William S. and Hattie







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(Schoolfield) Messick, the former born in Franklin City, the latter in Pocomoke City. Mr. and Mrs. Miles are the parents of two children, both born at Bloxom, Virginia: 1. William Schoolfield, born December 11, 1923. 2. Emma Jacqueline, born April 7, 1930.

**CHARLES F. GUMM**—Descended from forebears who had for several generations been identified with the history of the Eastern Shore, Charles F. Gumm purchased and for thirty years operated the farm which his descendants hold today. His son, Calvin D., and his grandson, Calvin D., Jr., are likewise represented by sketches in this volume.

Charles F. Gumm was born in Frankford, Delaware, July 24, 1840, son of Manean and Sallie (Crumpton) Gumm, or Gum, as the name was earlier spelled. He received his education in the public schools of Delaware, and attended a college in New England. For a period during his early life, he was associated with his father, who operated the first steam sawmill south of Wilmington. His father was also a general merchant at Frankford, Delaware. In 1888 Charles F. Gumm purchased the farm now held by the family located at Showell, which consists of three hundred and twelve acres. This acreage he cultivated until the time of his retirement, three years prior to his death which occurred October 23, 1918. It is now managed by his son, Calvin D., Sr.

Charles F. Gumm entered military service during the War Between the States, but did not reach combat areas due to the termination of the war. He was active in his membership in the Methodist Church, and served on its board of stewards.

Following are the Gum and four collateral lines, taken from family records.

(The Gum Line)

(I) Roger Gum, American progenitor of the family, was the first justice of the peace in Sussex County, Delaware, and served on the first grand jury of the Sussex County Court in May, 1687. He obtained land grants in 1680 and 1686. Two sons were: 1. Abraham. 2. John (1), of whom further.

(II) John (1) Gum, son of Roger Gum, was the father of three children: 1. Else (Sara), married (first) John Ponder, son of John Ponder, Sr. The Ponders were of Broadkilm, Sussex County, Delaware, and were the ancestors of James Ponder, of Milton, Sussex County, Delaware, twenty-fifth governor of Delaware. Else (Sara) Gum married (second) Jacob Shellman. 2. John. 3. Jacob, of whom further.

(III) Jacob Gum, son of John (1) Gum, had the following children: 1. William Chatham. 2. Roger. 3. Hannah. 4. Abraham. 5. John (2), of whom further.

(IV) John (2) Gum, son of Jacob Gum, was born in Lewes, Sussex County, Delaware, November 17, 1784, and died at the home of his son Renatus in Dunkirk, Hardin County, Ohio, December 16, 1875. He served as a private in the War of 1812 under the command of his father-in-law, Colonel Armwell Long. He removed to Knox County, Ohio, in 1826, and to Hardin County in 1837.

John (2) Gum married, November 20, 1806, Martha Polly Long. (Long V.) Children: 1. Manean, of whom further. 2. Albert, born December 22, 1810. 3. Renatus, born September 13, 1817. 4. Peru, born October 3, 1820. 5. Armena, born September 25, 1822. 6. Ann E., born September 27, 1824. 7. Elizabeth Elander, born March 20, 1827.

(V) Manean Gum, son of John (2) and Martha Polly (Long) Gum, was born February 16, 1808, and died June 21, 1886.

He married, in 1839, Sallie Crumpton. (Crumpton IV.) Children: 1. Charles Frederick, of whom further. 2. Martha Ann, born in January, 1842, died December 18, 1922; married, November 27, 1865, Luther W. Cannon, who was born in 1840, and died in 1905. 3. William Andrew, born in April, 1843; married, in June, 1867, Harriet Topping, of Long Island, New York. 4. Mary Elizabeth, born September 12, 1844; married, April 14, 1874, Joseph Hall. 5. Sade (Sarah) Jane, born October 13, 1846; married, June 2, 1869, Robert W. Poole. 6. Frances Manean, born February 18, 1848; married, in 1872, Mary Bennett. 7. Lavine Curtis, born in November, 1849; married Ebe Walter. 8. John Albert, born in October, 1851; married (first) Tillie Bennett; married (second) Mallie, of Suffolk, Virginia.

(VI) Charles Frederick Gum, son of Manean and Sallie (Crumpton) Gum, was born July 24, 1840, and died October 23, 1918.

He married, December 22, 1870, Theresa Ewell Townsend, who was born October 30, 1851, and died October 26, 1922. Children: 1. Edith, born March 7, 1875; married, March 9, 1911, Upton L. Mason. 2. Charles Clayton, born February 16, 1880; married, July 17, 1912, Jessie Agnes Boaz. 3. Calvin Dale, born April 6, 1886; married, April 24, 1913, Mary Annie Murray.

(The Crumpton Line)

(I) John (1) Crumpton, first of this family of record, married Mary, whose surname is not known. They were the parents of a son: Curtis, of whom further.

(II) Curtis Crumpton, son of John (1) and Mary Crumpton, married Jemima Bowman. They had a son: John (2), of whom further.

(III) John (2) Crumpton, son of Curtis and Jemima (Bowman) Crumpton, married Nancy Thompson. (Thompson II.) Children: 1. Mary, born in 1810. 2. Sallie, of whom further. 3. William, born in 1815. 4. Margaret Ann, born in 1818. 5. John, born in 1820. 6. Clary, born in 1822. 7. Elizabeth Louise, born in 1822.

(IV) Sallie Crumpton, daughter of John (3) and Nancy (Thompson) Crumpton, was born March 8, 1812, and died June 2, 1895.

She married Manean Gum. (Gum V.)

(The Thompson Line)

(I) James Thompson, first of this family of record, married Margaret Kelly. (Kelly II.) Children: 1. Nancy, of whom further. 2. Mary Hall, married Mr. Draper. 3. Lavey Jane, married Mr. Phillips. 4. Katherine, married Mr. Stuart. 5. Clarissa. 6. John. 7. James. 8. William.

(II) Nancy Thompson, daughter of James and Margaret (Kelly) Thompson, married John (2) Crumpton. (Crumpton III.)

(The Kelly Line)

(I) Thomas Kelly, first of this family of record, had the following children: 1. James. 2. Edith. 3. Mary. 4. Margaret, of whom further.

(II) Margaret Kelly, daughter of Thomas Kelly, married James Thompson. (Thompson I.)

(The Long Line)

(I) Samuel Long was of Somerset County, Maryland.

He married Jane Mitchell, who was born in Virginia, one of the first white women. Her heirs are among the "First Families of Virginia." Children:



1. Jeffery, of whom further. 2. Elizabeth, born in 1671; married M. T. Boston. 3. Annie, married Mr. Wood. 4. David, born in 1687, died in 1716. 5. Tom, born in 1689. 6. Jane. 7. David (again), died in 1741. 8. John, married Anna Adams, daughter of Tom Adams. 9. Randell, died in 1739.

(II) Jeffery Long, son of Samuel and Jane (Mitchell) Long, married Sarah Adams, daughter of Tom Adams. A son was: David, of whom further.

(III) David Long, son of Jeffery and Sarah (Adams) Long, served as a private in the Revolutionary War. He married Ann Lockwood, daughter of Captain Richard Lockwood, a captain in the Revolutionary War. They were the parents of Armwell, of whom further.

(IV) Colonel Armwell Long, son of David and Ann (Lockwood) Long, served as colonel in the War of 1812.

He married Elizabeth Robinson, daughter of Joshua Robinson. A daughter was: Martha Polly, of whom further.

(V) Martha Polly Long, daughter of Colonel Armwell and Elizabeth (Robinson) Long, married John (2) Gum. (Gum IV.)

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**CALVIN D. GUMM, SR.**, founder, owner and operator of the retail feed and coal business which bears his name, has a well-earned reputation as a business leader on the Eastern Shore. In addition to the firm of Calvin D. Gumm and Son, which is located in Showell, Mr. Gumm is an officer in other business organizations, in Bishopville and Snow Hill, and is active as a farmer, managing acreage which has been in the Gumm family for many years.

A native of Frankford, Delaware, Mr. Gumm was born April 6, 1886, son of Charles F. and Theresa Ewell (Townsend) Gumm. His father, of whom a biographical sketch appears herewith, in conjunction with family records, purchased a farm of three hundred and twelve acres, which he operated until shortly before his death in 1918. Calvin D. Gumm, Sr., received his early education in the public schools of Showell and Snow Hill, and attended high school in the latter town. He then entered Beacom Business College in Wilmington, Delaware.

During the early years of his career, Mr. Gumm was associated with his father in the management of the farm, and since Charles F. Gumm's death has continued in charge of its operations. In 1930 Mr. Gumm established, and has since operated, a retail feed and coal business, which was continued in his own name until 1941, since which time his son Calvin D., Jr., (q.v.), has been associated with him. The name of the firm is Calvin D. Gumm and Son, and this enterprise employs about twenty persons in the season.

Mr. Gumm is also director and vice president of the Bishopville Bank, and a director of the Worcester Fertilizer Company of Snow Hill. Affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Gumm is a member of the Evergreen Lodge No. 153, and of the Lodge of Perfection No. 14, at Salisbury.

In Selbyville, Delaware, April 24, 1913, Calvin D. Gumm, Sr., married Mary Annie Murray, daughter of Levin C. and Bettie (Onley) Murray. Mr. and Mrs. Gumm are the parents of two children: 1. Mary Edith, who married Carroll B. Farlow. They have three children, Diane, Dale, and Deborah. 2. Calvin D., Jr. (q.v.).

**CALVIN D. GUMM, JR.**—Younger partner in the firm of Calvin D. Gumm and Son, of Showell, Maryland, dealing in feeds and coal at retail, Calvin D. Gumm, Jr., is carrying on a family tradition of business ability and achievement which has made the name widely and favorably known throughout the Eastern Shore.

Mr. Gumm was born August 31, 1921, and attended the public schools in Showell and the Berlin High School, from which he graduated in the class of 1940. On completion of his education, Calvin D. Gumm, Jr., became associated with his father in farming operations, as well as in the firm of Calvin D. Gumm and Son, and in both of these enterprises they have been successful, and have contributed to the prosperity of the Eastern Shore. The farm holdings have long been in the family, this acreage having been operated by Charles F. Gumm and inherited from him by his son, Calvin D. Gumm, Sr. It was the latter who founded the coal and feed business with which the family name is now chiefly identified; and he took his son, subject of this sketch, into partnership in 1941.

Calvin D. Gumm, Jr., is a member of Evergreen Lodge, No. 153, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Salisbury Lodge of Perfection, the Consistory, and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Baltimore. He is a communicant of the Episcopal Church in Berlin. Mr. Gumm's hobby is airplanes. He owns an interest in two aircraft, which he operates for pleasure, as an air partner in Midway Air Park.

On August 7, 1940, Calvin D. Gumm, Jr., married Grace Elaine Burbage of Berlin, daughter of John H. and Minnie I. Burbage. Mr. and Mrs. Gumm are the parents of two daughters: Grace Elaine and Theresa Ann.

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**OSCAR LEE MORRIS**, newspaperman of Salisbury, is editor of "The Salisbury Times."

Born at Salisbury, November 17, 1908, Mr. Morris is a son of Oscar L., Sr., and Eva (Tilghman) Morris. His father was a fertilizer manufacturer. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of his native town, and graduated from the Wicomico High School. He then attended Western Maryland College.

He joined the staff of the Salisbury "Times" as a reporter in 1928; was city editor from 1933 to 1937; managing editor from 1927 to 1945; and has been editor and managing editor since 1945. Mr. Morris was chairman of the Chesapeake Association, The Associated Press, from 1946 to 1948. He has been active in programs for the improvement of local government.

On September 15, 1928, at Aberdeen, Maryland, he married Alyce Irene Martiano, daughter of William N. and Alyce (Caulk) Martiano. Her parents were residents of Sharpton, Maryland, and her father was a sea captain. Mr. and Mrs. Morris became the parents of the following children: 1. Oscar Lee, III. 2. William Mack. 3. Patricia Irene. 4. Jerry Martiano.

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**HARRY HICKMAN CROPPER**—One of the leading young attorneys of Salisbury, Harry Hickman Cropper is contributing substantially toward the progress and development of the legal profession in this region.

Mr. Cropper was born November 17, 1911, son of Harry J. and Harriet (Hickman) Cropper. His father was engaged in the hardware business.

Harry Hickman Cropper received his early education in the public schools of Ocean City, Maryland.







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*Carlton W. Green*









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He later attended the George School in Pennsylvania. After completing the prescribed courses there, he studied at the Mercersburg Academy. Upon finishing his secondary training, Mr. Cropper matriculated at Princeton University, from which institution of higher learning he was graduated in 1933. He then decided to take up the study of law and entered the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He also studied at the Richmond Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1937.

After completing his legal training, Mr. Cropper went into partnership with Edgar Harvey at Salisbury. This general law practice has continued successfully since 1937 under the firm name of Harvey and Cropper.

In addition to his professional associations he is active in other phases of community life. A staunch Democrat, he serves the people of Salisbury as city solicitor. He amassed an exemplary record during World War II as a lieutenant senior grade in the United States Navy. He saw action in the Pacific aboard the aircraft carrier "Intrepid," and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for his distinguished service. He received his honorable discharge from the navy on December 30, 1945. In connection with his military and naval work he is a member and commander of Meuse Post No. 194 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Salisbury. Fraternally, Mr. Cropper is affiliated with Salisbury Lodge No. 817 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Socially, he is a member of the Town Club, and Green Hill Yacht and Country Club. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian and attends the local Presbyterian Church at Salisbury.

On November 7, 1940, at Galena, Maryland, Harry Hickman Cropper married Emily Somerville, daughter of Sidney Somerville, who was a prominent lawyer.

**OTIS GRAFTON ESHAM**—The story of Esham's Hatchery, Parsonsburg, Maryland, is impressive from almost any point of view. In terms of broilers, eggs, breeding stock in the thousands, of strawberries, truck crops and farms, it is big business. As evaluated from the fact that from small beginnings a large enterprise was developed, it exemplifies the American way of life at its best. As the achievement of Otis Grafton Esham, with the co-operation of his wife, it is an example that can well serve as an inspiration to others.

Otis Grafton Esham was born at Parsonsburg, on June 17, 1917, son of Emanuel Grafton and Blanche (Brittingham) Esham. His mother was born at Delmar, Sussex County, on December 16, 1896. His father, a native of Pittsville, Wicomico County, born February 10, 1894, is a farmer, well-known and respected. The son was reared on the home place, attended the Smith rural grammar school, and the Pittsville High School. He became acquainted with the good and bad sides of agriculture as a child, and early decided to make it his life's work. At the age of fifteen he planted two acres of strawberries, and from the money they brought started a fund to which he kept adding until he was able to marry and branch out for himself. He kept adding to the fruit acreage, and at nineteen made up his mind to go into the broiler trade. Repairing a small chicken house and a potato barn, his initial enterprise was some twenty-two hundred broilers. They proved profitable, and when he became of age he bought a place near Pittsville, and extended both his strawberry and chicken

business. On Christmas day, 1939, he moved onto the farm and built a thirty-two hundred capacity broiler house; bought another farm near Parsonsburg to increase his strawberry acreage, and soon was familiarly known as "The Strawberry King."

During the past ten years, Mr. Esham has specialized more and more in the poultry business. Broiler production was expanded to eighteen thousand annually; he kept some four thousand laying stock for eggs, many of which were sold for hatching purposes. Deciding that he would like a hatchery of his own, he purchased a frontage on the main highway and built the Esham Hatchery; installed two large incubators, soon added another, and was on his way to his present business. In 1948 he was growing approximately half a million broilers annually, with a hatching capacity of four hundred and sixty thousand. He owns six farms and leases others.

While poultry is his main interest, he employs more on his farms than in the hatchery, and has not forgotten how to grow, on a large scale, strawberries, fruits, melons, and truck crops, as well as some general ones. He is one Maryland farm boy who sought and found opportunity where he was reared. He keeps close to his business, seldom has to tell anyone to do what he has not learned from experience to do himself; and is always ready to lend a hand to those seeking advice. Mr. Esham keeps in touch with his fellows in business as a member of the Tri-County Poultry Association, the International Baby Chick Association, and the Pittsville Lions Club. He hunts and fishes when he has time, belongs to the Green Hill Yacht and Country Club, and is particularly fond of horseback riding. In political faith he is a Democrat. With his family, Mr. Esham attends the Ayres Methodist Church, at Pittsville, where Mr. Esham formerly served as Sunday School Superintendent, and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees.

The year 1938 was outstanding in the life of Otis Grafton Esham, for he not only got soundly started on his present enterprise, but, on October 1, 1938, he married, at the Bethesda Methodist Church, of Salisbury, Mae Elizabeth Richardson, daughter of George H. and O. Mae (Twilley) Richardson. Her mother was born in Wicomico County, on June 27, 1890. Her father, a native of Somerset County, born October 8, 1890, died on February 8, 1939. Mrs. Mae Elizabeth (Richardson) Esham was born in Salisbury, on July 17, 1917, and began her education in a one-room school called the Williams Grade School. After a year in the Delmar School she completed her grade studies in the Salisbury public schools, and was graduated from the Wicomico High School, with the class of 1934. From girlhood she was accustomed to help out on home and farm activities, especially on her father's poultry and truck farm. When she married Otis Grafton Esham she was well fitted by character and personality to co-operate capably in any enterprise that her husband was ambitious to undertake. Each time the poultry business was expanded it meant more chicks and stock to care for and feed. She was thoroughly interested in the securing of New Hampshire breed of eggs and pullets, a wise move. In strawberry time she helped to oversee some fifty to a hundred migratory workers living in barns or almost any place that might provide shelter for the period they were in the fields. Celebrating Christmas Day, 1946, by moving to a home on Ocean Highway, Pittsville area, entailed more endeavors, and since 1947 she has been busy in the hatchery office.



Mrs. Esham has not found her many activities incompatible with bearing and rearing a family, for she is the mother of two sons, both born in the Peninsula General Hospital in Salisbury: 1. Richard Otis, born April 8, 1941. 2. Robert Grafton, born September 23, 1942. The two boys, frequently taken for twins, have been dressed as such since the older boy was two years old.

**HEDLEY JACK WILLIAM RAYNER**, one of the two Rayner Brothers of Salisbury, with his brother Stanley Hugh Rayner runs a large nursery business, specializing in the shipping of strawberry and blueberry plants. Starting with a farm of one hundred and twenty-two acres which they bought from their father, the Rayner Brothers today own fifteen farms comprising twelve hundred and eighty-five acres, and each year they mail out more than one hundred and fifty thousand catalogues. "Jack" Rayner, as he is generally called, takes an active part in community affairs in Salisbury, and is also very active in the various organizations of county and state that have to do with promoting the welfare of the trade.

Hedley Jack William Rayner was born on June 17, 1904, in England, the son of Hedley Tichborne and Annis Jane (Newman) Rayner, both natives of England. Hedley Tichborne Rayner ran a brickyard and manufactured brick in England. Later he went to Canada as an engineer, constructing waterworks in the Province of Ontario. He then went on to the West Coast, where he ran a fruit farm and also dealt in real estate and made concrete products. When he left Canada it was to buy a farm at Westminster, Maryland, which he later sold. He then bought another farm in Wicomico County, near Salisbury, which he finally sold to his sons. The elder Mr. Rayner then went to Florida where he still lives. He is in his eighties.

Hedley Jack William Rayner went with his parents to Canada when he was four years old. He attended the public schools of Chatham, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, and later in West Bank and Moose Jaw. Still later he went to school in British Columbia and finally in Westminster, Maryland. He thus had a great deal of experience of various parts of the world by the time he finished his schooling. After leaving school he started to work on his father's farm near Salisbury and worked on it under his father's direction until he was twenty-one. At this period he and his brother bought the farm from their father, who went to Florida. Along with the farming, which they continued, they started a nursery business, and from small beginnings this has grown to considerable proportions. The Rayner Brothers have been very progressive, and they pack and ship all over the country. They raise one hundred acres of strawberries, twenty-five acres of blueberries, fifteen acres of blueberry plants, three hundred acres of sweet potatoes, one hundred acres of cucumbers, fifty acres of watermelons, fifty acres of string beans, and they have one of the largest potato storage warehouses on the Eastern Shore. In all they now own almost thirteen hundred acres of land, in fifteen farms. They also own an interest in the Ray-Mor Baking Company of Salisbury, of which "Jack" Rayner is a director, and they own an apartment house in Salisbury and seven other buildings.

Mr. Rayner is a stockholder in the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Salisbury. He is president of the Maryland Nurserymen's Association, vice president of

the Northeast Potato and Vegetable Council, a director of the Shoreland Freezers, and the Wicomico County Co-operative Stores, a member of the Farm Bureau and also of the National Produce Dealers Association and of the American Nursery Association. He is one of the stockholders of Airport Operating, Incorporated. Fraternally, Mr. Rayner is affiliated with Salisbury Lodge, No. 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and with all branches of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons up to and including the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, holding the Thirty-second degree in the Masonic order, and is a Shriner. He is a member and director of the Salisbury Lions Club. In politics he is a Democrat, and is a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

He married in Salisbury on April 10, 1926, Lola Elizabeth Fields, the daughter of George Lewis and Anne Elizabeth (Hancock) Fields. Mr. and Mrs. Rayner are the parents of three children: 1. Joyce Ann, born November 14, 1931. 2. Annis Jane, born March 20, 1937. 3. Jacqueline Elizabeth, born October 11, 1945.

**STANLEY HUGH RAYNER**, one of the two Rayner Brothers who conduct a large nursery business in Salisbury, has been identified with this business since his boyhood, and has done much to build it up to its present prosperous state. The nursery specializes in strawberry plants and blueberry bushes and offers thirty-three varieties of strawberries, one of the largest selections in the entire United States, in the belief that they can thus provide the best varieties for every possible condition of climate and soil. It is S. H. ("Bob") Rayner who personally supervises the important work of strawberry planting and culture on the Rayner acreage. Like his brother, Hedley Jack William Rayner (q.v.) "Bob" Rayner is connected with many other enterprises in Salisbury, among them Airport Operating Incorporated, of which he is president.

Mr. Rayner was born in England January 16, 1908, the son of Hedley Tichborne and Annis Jane (Newman) Rayner. The facts of Hedley T. Rayner's career are briefly recounted in the sketch of Hedley J. W. Rayner.

Stanley Hugh Rayner, who was taken to Chatham, in the Province of Ontario, shortly after his birth, and later to West Bank, first attended school in Moose Jaw, Canada. He later went to school in British Columbia and then in Westminster, Maryland, and in Salisbury. On leaving school he went to work full time on the farm where he had already become acquainted with much of the work in his spare time as a school boy. He and his brother bought their father's farm of one hundred and twenty-two acres, and in the years since they began to operate it as a nursery, they have gradually been able to add more land until today they own fifteen farms with a total of almost thirteen hundred acres. Of this, one hundred acres are devoted to strawberries, twenty-five acres to blueberries, and fifteen acres to young blueberry bushes, since Rayner Brothers specialize in the shipping of strawberry plants and blueberry bushes. Every year they mail out more than one hundred and fifty thousand copies of their attractive and authoritative catalogue known as "Rayner's Berry Book." In addition to being specialists in berry plants, Rayner Brothers are very active in the business of truck farming. They have three hundred acres devoted to sweet potatoes,





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*H. Jack. W. Rayner,*



one hundred acres devoted to cucumbers, fifty acres to watermelons, fifty acres to snap beans, and they have one of the largest warehouses for potato storage on the Eastern Shore. They pack and ship all over the country.

They also have considerable real estate interests in Salisbury, owning an apartment house and seven other buildings, and they have an interest in the Ray-Mor Baking Company of Salisbury, of which Stanley Hugh Rayner is a director. He is a stockholder of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Salisbury, and a stockholder in Shoreland Freezers, and serves as president of Airport Operating, Incorporated. Mr. Rayner is a member of the Salisbury Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce, and also belongs to the Farm Bureau and the Nurserymen's Association of Maryland. He is a Thirty-second degree Mason, being affiliated with all the various bodies of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons up to and including the Shrine. He is an Episcopalian, and in political affiliations, a Democrat.

On December 28, 1935 at Onancock, Virginia, he married Gladys Pearl Shockley, the daughter of Ernest L. and Annie Bell (Hammond) Shockley, her father being a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Rayner have one son, Stanley Hugh, Jr., born July 21, 1937.

**CHARLES ELMER HEARNE, JR.**, is a member of the law firm of Clark & Hearne, with offices in the Colonial Building in Salisbury. He was born July 27, 1909, in Wicomico County, the son of Charles E. and Annie E. (Hayman) Hearne, the former now deceased. The late Charles E. Hearne was a contractor and builder in Salisbury.

Charles Elmer Hearne, Jr., attended elementary school and high school in Wicomico County, after which he took his prelaw academic work at the University of Maryland and his legal training in the Law School of the University of Baltimore, from which he graduated in 1931 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the Maryland bar on February 27, 1934, and practiced with the firm of Taylor & Taylor in Salisbury until March, 1935. Then he was associated with the late F. Leonard Wailes until his death in November, 1935, and afterward entered into a partnership with Robert F. Duer, the firm later becoming Duer, Hearne & Duer. On April 1, 1942 he entered the service of the United States Army and trained with the 6th Armored Division at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He later attended Quartermaster School at Camp Lee, Virginia, and was commissioned in September, 1942, and then attached to the staff and faculty of the Quartermaster School. He attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and at the time of his discharge in July, 1945, at which time he held the rank of captain, he was still serving on the staff of the Quartermaster School. After his return to civilian life, Mr. Hearne entered into a partnership with Ernest C. Clark, and he is at the present time practicing law in Salisbury as a member of this firm. He is a member of the Salisbury Lions Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Centennial Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Salisbury. He is a member of the Sigma Delta Kappa law fraternity. Mr. Hearne serves on the Wicomico County War Memorial Commission, and is chairman of the commission. He belongs to the Asbury Methodist Church.

On July 14, 1944, in Salisbury, Charles Elmer Hearne, Jr., married Anna Merrill, a native of Maine and the daughter of Edward F. and Daisey (Day) Merrill. Her father, Judge Edward F. Merrill, is a

justice of the Supreme Court of Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elmer Hearne, Jr., have two sons, Charles Elmer Hearne, III, born November 21, 1945, and Stephen Merrill Hearne, born September 1, 1948.

**BOYD ELLIOTT McLERNON**, legal secretary to the law firm of Clark & Hearne of Salisbury and a councilman of the city of Salisbury, was born August 24, 1913 near Salisbury, the son of William B. and Mary (Elliott) Ward, his father being a contractor and brick mason. At an early age Boyd Elliott McLernon went to live with his mother's sister, Nell (Elliott) McLernon, and her husband James Robert McLernon, who had no children, and he was brought up and educated by them and later, with his parents' consent, changed his surname legally from Ward, his father's name, to McLernon. He attended the elementary school at Delmar and Delmar High School, and after graduating from the regular course took a two-year commercial course at Delmar High School. From May, 1935 to October, 1942, Mr. McLernon was sales representative for the General Foods Corporation. He then entered the employ of the Salisbury National Bank in the capacity of bank teller and held this post from October, 1942 to May, 1945. Since May, 1945, he has been legal secretary to the law firm of Clark & Hearne. Mr. McLernon is a Democrat in his political affiliation, and is one of the city councilmen of Salisbury. He was a charter member of the Salisbury Junior Chamber of Commerce and has served as its president. He is a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

On December 25, 1936, at Laurel, Delaware, he married Nancy Ellen Krause, the daughter of Albert Samuel and Annie (Parker) Krause. Mr. and Mrs. McLernon have one son, Boyd Elliott McLernon, Jr., born February 15, 1948.

**PHILIP ASBURY INSLEY, M.D.**—Since 1936 Dr. Philip Asbury Insley has been associate surgeon at the Peninsula General Hospital in Salisbury. He was born on May 25, 1908, in Cambridge, the son of T. Sangston and Bertie (Winterbottom) Insley, his father a well-known lawyer and judge of the First Judicial District Circuit Court of Maryland.

Dr. Insley attended the Cambridge public schools, graduating from Cambridge High School in 1925. He then became a student at the University of Maryland, where he graduated in 1930 and went on to take his medical training at the University of Maryland Medical School, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1934. For the two years that followed, he took postgraduate work as a resident in surgery at Maryland General Hospital. In 1936 he became associated with the Peninsula General Hospital at Salisbury in the capacity of associate surgeon, and he has continued to serve as such ever since. Dr. Insley holds the rank of major in the 4th Battalion of the Medical Corps of the Maryland State Guard. He is a member of the Wicomico County Medical Society and the Southern Medical Association, a member and also a fellow of the American Medical Association, and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and of the American Railway Surgeons. He belongs to the Sigma Phi Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa, Nu Sigma Nu college fraternities and to the Scabbard and Blade. Dr. Insley is a member of the Trinity Methodist Church of Salisbury, and he belongs to the Salisbury Rotary Club, the Terrapin Club, and the Town Club.

He married Elinor Virginia Nichols, the daughter of



Dr. Samuel A. and Anna N. Nichols. Dr. and Mrs. Insley have two children: Philip A. Insley, Jr., born June 12, 1937, and Emily Loudell Insley, born July 23, 1941.

**WILLIAM EDWARD WYATT**—On the Eastern Shore, William Edward Wyatt is known as the bottler and distributor of the beverage Grapette and as the wholesale distributor of Schlitz Beer. In this business, which covers for both the beer and the Grapette all of Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester counties. Mr. Wyatt is associated with George R. Long. They have two plants, both located in Salisbury, seat of Wicomico County.

Mr. Wyatt was born at Owings Mills, Baltimore County, on June 8, 1905, the son of William E. and Frances (Rich) Wyatt. His father was a farmer at Owings Mills.

The bottler was educated in the elementary and high schools of Reisterstown, also in Baltimore County, and at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. From the university he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1928. After obtaining his degree Mr. Wyatt became a salesman for Procter and Gamble, the soap firm. In the eight years he was with this company he also trained other men for salesmanship. When he left Procter and Gamble, Mr. Wyatt became associated with his brother-in-law in the clothing firm of Kennerly and Mitchell in Salisbury. But a fire that wiped out the establishment forced him into other employment. As a result he became a partner of Leon Blum of Salisbury in a firm which bottled and distributed the beverage Dr. Pepper. The partnership was dissolved two years later and Mr. Wyatt went into the bottling business for himself in Salisbury. He was the bottler and distributor of Canada Dry, Spur and Grapette until 1946, when he sold his plant to the Seven-Up company. Soon afterward Mr. Wyatt formed the partnership with his brother-in-law, W. D. Mitchell who died in 1948, and with Mr. Long. They operate plants on Brown Street and on Ashylon Street in Salisbury, bottling and distributing Grapette in Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester counties. The Schlitz and Arrow beer distributing business Mr. Wyatt conducts independently.

The Dr. Pepper plant went into the hands of receivers in January, 1949, and Mr. Long and Mr. Wyatt purchased it and are operating it at this time.

Mr. Wyatt is a member of the Johns Hopkins Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and the Lions Club, the Green Hill Country Club, and Town Club of Salisbury. His church is St. Peter's Episcopal, Salisbury.

He married Mildred Mitchell, daughter of E. D. and Mattie Mitchell, in Salisbury on October 19, 1932, and they have two children, David M. and William E., III.

**MAURICE E. NEWMAM, SR.**—Over half a century ago Maurice E. Newnam, Sr., established in Easton the undertaking business now known throughout this section of the country as Maurice E. Newnam & Son. In those days there were no schools where one could study embalming. Those who sought to follow this profession were compelled to take a course by mail. But Mr. Newnam, being progressive then as he is today, resorted to a far more satisfactory way of learning this business than by mail. He went to Baltimore, a place where he could gain first-hand knowledge rather than depend on theory.

In 1895, after completing his studies in the local schools, he moved to Baltimore where he became associated with F. M. Denny & Company, which at that time was one of the largest established undertakers, having served the people of that city for over fifty years. Here he was afforded daily practice, and at night he studied hard and long, taking advantage of the practice as well as the theory at the same time.

After serving for nine months with determination and vigor, he was awarded his embalming certificate. Following this he moved to Oxford, Maryland, and founded the undertaking firm which now operates under the name of Maurice E. Newnam & Son. As an embalmer, Mr. Newnam holds the oldest license on the Eastern Shore.

In addition to his original business, he has added a most successful line of manufactured marble and granite memorials, and concrete burial vaults, developing a large business extending from one end of the Eastern Shore to the other, as well as through Delaware. This peninsula finds branch yards in various sections, well-equipped to render immediate service.

Mr. Newnam was born in Talbot County, near St. Michaels, on May 13, 1874. He is the son of William B. and Edith Price (Parsons) Newnam. His mother lived to the advanced age of ninety-six, and was quite active up to the time of her death. Mr. Newnam is a member of the Easton Rotary Club, and also of Coats Lodge No. 102, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. His chief recreation is gardening and floriculture. He takes pride in raising oranges and lemons, and recently when a columnist made light of his citrus accomplishments Mr. Newnam readily convinced this writer by sending him some of the fruit plucked from his garden. The editor then apologized.

Mr. Newnam became the father of one son, Maurice E., Jr., who is now a partner with his father. He is following in the footsteps of his father assisting in guiding the business in the same competent manner in which it has been conducted since first organized.

Maurice E. Newnam, Sr., married Anna Simpson, of near Trappe, on September 21, 1901. They both reside in Trappe, where they have a very pleasant home. The son is married and lives in Easton.

The funeral parlors on South Washington Street afford a most comforting place where loved ones who have passed on can have suitable and appropriate services before interment.

Responsive to the sympathies and needs of those who mourn the dead, this firm has succeeded through personal attention and extreme care in conducting last rites, and in furnishing a suitable and appropriate marker. Travel where you will in the numerous graveyards of this peninsula, you will see dotted here and there artistic grave markers, in sizes ranging from small pieces of marble to huge mausoleums. And the best testimony to this firm's success is that relatives of the deceased continue to seek Mr. Newnam's services when their loved ones pass away or monuments are desired. Today Mr. Newnam is the pioneer of this section in the undertaking business.

**MAURICE E. NEWMAM, JR.**, who is associated with his father in the management of a funeral home at Easton, which they operate under the firm name of Maurice E. Newnam & Son, has been in this business for twenty years, and his father (q.v.) is the oldest licensed embalmer on the Eastern Shore. The firm also manufactures marble and granite memorials and concrete burial vaults, and has a reputation





*Martin E. Newnam Jr.*





*Maurice E. Newman*



equalling that of any such establishment on the Eastern Shore.

Born January 10, 1903, at Oxford, in Talbot County, Maurice E. Newnam, Jr., is a son of Maurice E. and Anna (Simpson) Newnam, both natives of Talbot County, the former having been born near St. Michaels, and the latter at Trappe. Maurice E., Sr., established his business in 1897, and has hence been active as a mortician for over fifty years.

Maurice E. Newnam, Jr., was educated in the local public schools and at St. John's College, Annapolis, which he attended for two and a half years. He also took various courses in salesmanship. In 1921 he became associated with the Consolidated Gas and Electric Corporation in their Kelvinator refrigerator division, remaining there for six years. He then spent three years with Frigidaire. Thereafter, Mr. Newnam came to Easton to become associated with his father in the funeral home. In 1928 a memorial business was started and the firm name was changed to Maurice E. Newnam & Son. It has borne that designation ever since. For several years Maurice E. Newnam, Jr., has had active charge of the business, although his father continues to maintain a vital interest in its management. The firm is highly regarded, and in the manufacture of monuments and burial vaults it holds a position of leadership. The chapel and other facilities are completely modern and of impressive design; and the firm maintains its own fleet of rolling equipment.

Mr. Newnam is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association, the Maryland State Funeral Directors Association, the Associated Funeral Directors of America, and the Craftsmen of America, Incorporated. He is affiliated fraternally with Coats Lodge No. 102, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a past master of Preston Lodge No. 207 of that body, and a member of the Tri-County Past Masters Association. Mr. Newnam also belongs to the Talbot Country Club, the Easton Business Men's Association, and the Miles River Yacht Club. His favorite recreation is golf. He and his family attend the Christ Episcopal Church.

Maurice E. Newnam, Jr., married, on June 26, 1943, Lillian Pritchett of Dorchester County, the daughter of Wilby Pritchett, a retired waterman. Mr. Newnam is the father of two children by a previous marriage: Maurice E., III, and William Wright.

**C. RAY HARE**—During practically all of his exceptional career, C. Ray Hare of Salisbury has been identified with agricultural organizations, currently being the field supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration, Department of Agriculture. This post of importance is but one of his activities, for he is or has been a member and official of many other groups; business, fraternal and humanitarian, to which he has devoted his noteworthy abilities both as organizer and supporter.

C. Ray Hare is a native of Carroll County, Maryland, born July 7, 1897, son of Charles H. and Oris D. (Long) Hare, his father being long a freight agent on the northern division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The grammar and high school education of Mr. Hare was acquired in Baltimore, and his first employment of note was on farms in Worcester County, Maryland. After five years he launched out in the work of promoting farm organizations which has been continued with marked success down to the time of the present writing. He was one of the organizers of the Worcester County Farm Bureau and was one of its first

directors. He was likewise an organizer of the Worcester Farm Bureau Co-Operative Association in 1928, and was secretary, treasurer, and manager of this during the period from 1928 to 1932, and was a member of the board of directors of the Agricultural Corporation of Maryland, 1924-30; was a director and member of the executive committee of the Federated Fruit and Vegetable Growers (a national marketing agency) 1925-31; organized the Tri-State Growers Association in 1927, serving as president and manager to 1932; and he organized the Worcester Dairy Corporation, that built a cooling station at Snow Hill, Maryland, acting as its secretary-treasurer to 1932. As already mentioned, Mr. Hare is the present field supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration, Department of Agriculture, with offices in Salisbury.

Under more personal interests of C. Ray Hare are his memberships in fraternal and social service groups. Included among these is his affiliations with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he was initiated in 1932 and after serving in several chairs was elected Exalted Ruler in 1936, serving two terms. In 1940 he was elected president of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia State Association; appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1941; served as trustee for nine years, and is now co-chairman of the New Home Committee; is now serving as first president of Past Exalted Rulers Association. For ten years he managed the golf course. Mr. Hare joined the Lions Club in 1933, has served in all of the offices and is now past president; also served ten years on the board of directors. He is a member of Wicomico County Branch of Maryland Chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; served for eleven years as county chairman of the March of Dimes campaign. The Salvation Army holds a prominent place among his activities. He has been a member of its advisory board since it was organized in Wicomico County; is an organizer and served five years as chairman of the board of the Boys' Band. He attends the Methodist Church.

At Salisbury, Maryland, March 25, 1937, C. Ray Hare married Beulah B. White, daughter of Isaac J. and Nettie (Bounds) White.

**HERMAN ELWOOD PERDUE**—A member of the younger professional coterie of Salisbury, Herman Elwood Perdue is rapidly making a reputation as an attorney and citizen. He came to the city well prepared by academic and professional education for his work, but had hardly become established in practice when he enlisted for World War II service in the United States Navy and compiled a notable record before resuming his activities in the county seat of Wicomico County.

Mr. Perdue was born on July 15, 1918, son of Uley H. and Martha E. (Shockley) Perdue. After attending the grade and high schools at Pittsville, Maryland, he entered Teachers College in Salisbury. There followed a year of study at the University of Maryland before he matriculated at the University of Maryland Law School, Baltimore. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree with the class of 1939, and the degree Bachelor of Laws in 1941. In May, 1942, he was employed by the United States Naval Department as a civilian agent for the Office of Naval Intelligence.

The military record of Herman Elwood Perdue can be summarized as follows: He was commissioned an ensign I-V(P) and reported to active duty on September 1, 1942, at Naval Training School (indoctrination), Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, where



he was detached on October 27th. On October 28th, he reported to Chief of Operations, Washington, D. C., and attended basic intelligence courses until November 21, 1942, when he was detached and reported to District Intelligence Office 5, N. D., Norfolk, Virginia, on same day, being assigned to intelligence duties. On July 1, 1943, he was appointed lieutenant (j. g.) I-V(S), United States Navy Reserve. On February 25, 1944, Lt. Perdue was detached from the District Intelligence Office 5, N. D., and on February 28, 1944, he reported to the Naval Training Station, Fort Schuyler, New York. Detached on April 22, 1944, on May 4, 1944, he reported to the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Virginia, for instruction in destroyers. August 3, 1944, he was detached from the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, and on August 18, 1944, reported to Pre-Commissioning Training Center, Treasure Island, San Francisco, California, in connection with the fitting out of the U.S.S. "Natrona," A.P.A. 214. October 1, 1944, he was appointed lieutenant, United States Naval Reserve. On November 8, 1944, he was detached from pre-commissioning training center, at Treasure Island, and on the same date reported aboard the "Natrona" as assistant gunnery officer and as intelligence officer. He served aboard the ship as assistant gunnery officer and later as gunnery officer until November 27, 1945, when he was detached for discharge. Lt. Perdue was released on terminal leave at Washington, D. C., on December 7, 1945, and released from active duty on March 11, 1946. The U.S.S. "Natrona" arrived at Okinawa six days prior to the landing there and was station ship at Kerama Rhetto until the approximate time of the Japanese surrender on Okinawa, and took some of the first troops into Japan, landing at Nagoya. Lt. Perdue is permitted to wear the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Ribbon with two stars; American Area Campaign Ribbon; Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one star; and World War Victory Ribbon.

Upon returning to civilian life, Mr. Perdue resumed the practice of the law in Salisbury with an office in the Odd Fellows Building in the city. He has become well-known in the southern Eastern Shore country as an able attorney and adviser. He is a member of the Wicomico County Bar Association, and the Maryland State Bar Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with Newton Lodge No. 56, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Salisbury. A communicant of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, he serves it on the board of trustees.

On November 20, 1941, at Salisbury, Maryland, Herman Elwood Perdue married Margaret Lee Duffy, daughter of Claude C. and Freida M. (Pritchett) Duffy, her father engaged in the furniture business in Salisbury.

**HENRY S. TODD**—One of the prominent business men of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century on the Eastern Shore was the late Henry S. Todd, who for a half century before his death in 1927 had been engaged in business in Salisbury, first in the wholesale grocery business and later in the wholesale tobacco business. Mr. Todd was a man who was greatly loved, not only by his family and friends but by all in his community, and his influence was very widely felt.

He was born in Wicomico County, between Salisbury and Delmar, December 2, 1856, son of Dr. Henry Laird and Julia (Fowler) Todd, his father being an outstanding physician of this region and for many

years county treasurer of Wicomico County. Mr. Todd attended the local public schools. As a young man he was a member of Salisbury's pioneer baseball nine, the "White Clouds." He became associated in his youth with the wholesale grocery concern of F. C. Todd & Company and later became a member of the firm, which with his advent became the F. C. & H. S. Todd Company. Later Mr. Todd incorporated his own business under the firm name of H. S. Todd & Company and was engaged in the wholesale grocery business under this name until 1906, when he sold out to the W. E. Sheppard & Company store. He then entered the wholesale tobacco business in a building which he built at 236 Main Street. The business expanded, and in 1911 he doubled his floor space. On January 1, 1924 he moved into quarters at the corner of West Church and Hill streets, which he occupied until his death in 1927.

To his host of friends Mr. Todd was familiarly known as "Harry." He was an active Rotarian and had served as president of the Salisbury Rotary Club. For years he was an elder in the Wicomico Presbyterian Church. He was a staunch Democrat, but never sought public office.

He married Agnes Phelps of Cambridge, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Phelps. They had five children: Mrs. Ralph H. Grier, Henry S. Todd, Jr. (q.v.), L. Eugene Todd (q.v.) and S. Houston Todd (q.v.) of Salisbury, and F. Phelps Todd of Philadelphia.

Henry S. Todd died at his home on Park Avenue, in Salisbury, October 31, 1927, at the age of seventy-one. Such was the character of this man and the esteem in which he was held that the funeral was one of the largest ever to take place in Salisbury, many people coming from other towns of the Eastern Shore to pay a last tribute to their friend. Interment was in the churchyard of the Wicomico Presbyterian Church. The following tributes appeared in the editorial columns of the local press on the occasion of Mr. Todd's death.

Henry S. Todd (An Appreciation)

To write of "Harry Todd," as he was known to most of us, is like trying to write of a fragrance. His real life could not be measured by any material standard that can be spread over the pages of a newspaper. His real life was not a something that could be advertised.

It was the subtle but felt radiance of an inner life, real in its character and vital and vitalizing in its manifestations, that gave that peculiar glow to his personality, which attracted and attached his many friends and gave that rare balance to his whole life and conduct.

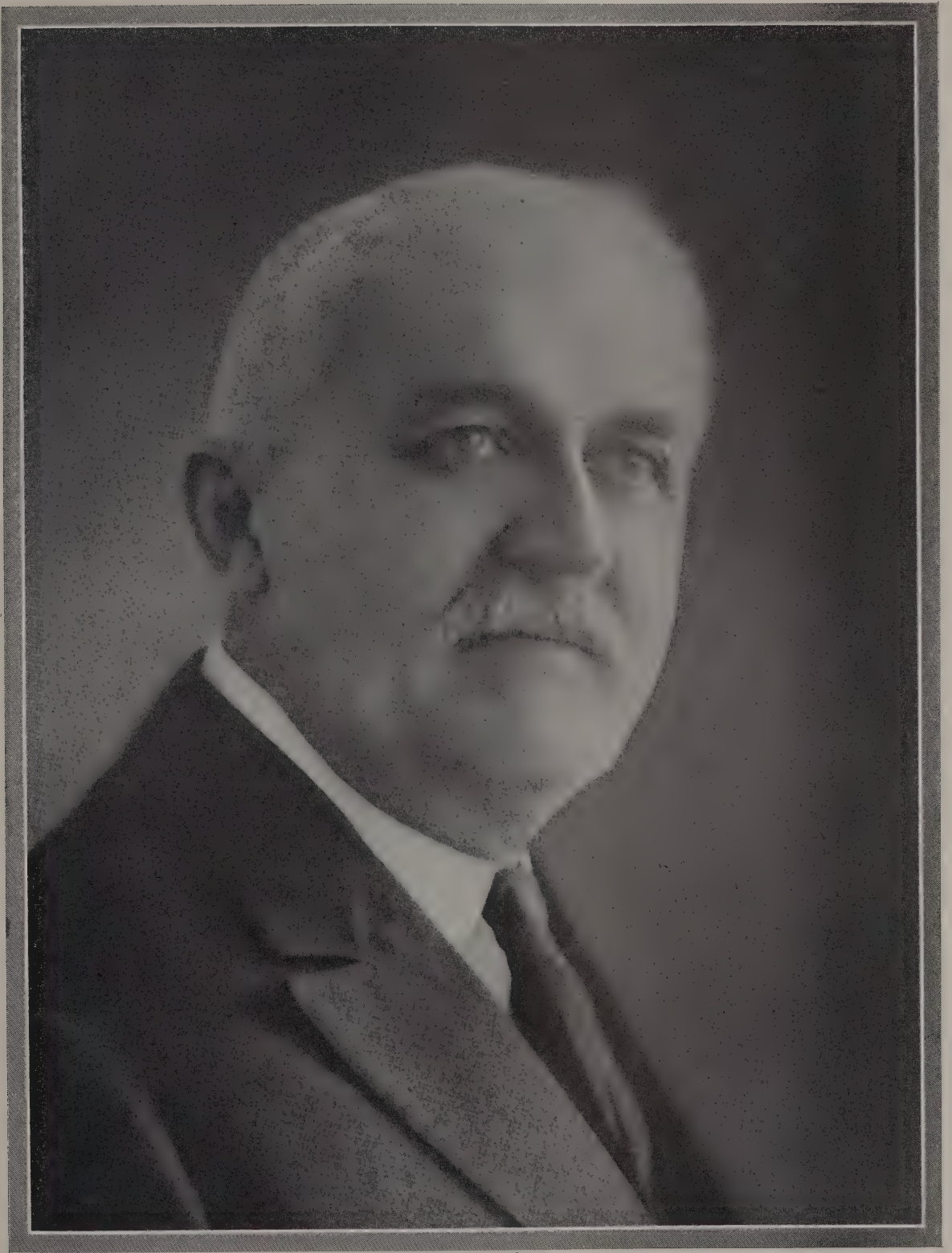
As a business man—From the very first he possessed to a large degree those fundamental principles of integrity and honesty which were so characteristic of his business career that today it is being pointed out as a testimony to his credit that customers so trusted him for fair dealing that no competitor could bribe them away from their allegiance and trust.

As a citizen—The name of Henry S. Todd has written itself deep into the annals of Salisbury. Any movement of a progressive and beneficent character received his personal interest and practical support. His civic consciousness was much alive and he was always among the first to ally himself with any effort making for a better, bigger Salisbury.

Moved by this spirit, he found himself elected President of the Rotary Club, whose motto "Service Above Self" found in him a worthy exemplification of what a true citizen might be. No president was ever more beloved and respected by a club.

As a husband and father—Only those of the inner circle are qualified to speak, but we know that for him there was no place like home, for "Home" meant "Love" and it was given and received without stint. Wise and gentle in his parental constraints, he removed any necessity for those harsh and binding restraints which always result in an unsavory license. He himself has so graced the family name that to emulate his example will be an inspiring heritage.

As a Christian and churchman—To him the two terms were synonymous. His pastor, Rev. R. A. Boyle, paid such tributes last Sunday to his loyalty and faithfulness as few mortals are worthy to receive, but no one disputes the application. "He met us," said Mr. Boyle, "on our first arrival in Salisbury, with a friendly, welcoming smile and that smile never faded, nor will it ever fade for us."



*H. S. Todd*





At the beginning of Mr. Boyle's pastorate, Mr. Todd—with five others—was elected and ordained to the highest office in the church, that of Elder. This office Mr. Todd held until his death. During these years he was never absent, without cause, from any week day or Sunday service and took an active interest in all that pertained to his church.

It fell to his lot as a representative of the church to attend various meetings of Presbytery and Synod, where he made many friends.

Deeply religious, in the best sense, his convictions were no merely ingrowing prejudices, he was broad in his views without being shallow, determined without being nasty, serious without being dull, and accepted by everyone as a good man, without any wordy testimony of his own, but simply because of his understanding, kindly heart which breathed "charity toward all with malice toward none."

His name will continue to suggest the loveliest things that accentuate the life of a truly good man.

It was a common remark during the latter years that "Harry Todd was growing younger every day." It was true, and a beautiful fulfillment of the promise "And in old age when others fade, he still forth fruit shall bring."

On the tombstone of a great and good man, in an ancient churchyard, there are these words:

"In quiet let him repose  
Beneath the solemn stone.  
He living, best was loved by those  
To whom he best was known."  
(One Who Loved Him)

HARRY S. TODD, SR.

Salisbury lost a valued, respected, and loved citizen yesterday when Harry S. Todd, Sr., was called home to his Maker.

Mr. Todd was a quiet and unassuming man; a man to whom his home and family were of prime interest. He was keenly interested in Salisbury and the Eastern Shore and constantly worked for the promotion of its prosperity.

He was a diligent worker at his own business and has been interested in a succession of successful business houses during the past fifty years, probably the most important of which was the wholesale tobacco firm which bears his name and in which he showed his keenest business interest in recent years.

He was a true husband and father and by his example to his family, with the assistance of a true wife and mother, has raised a family that must have been a source of extreme pride and pleasure to him, as it has been and is a pleasure to all who know them.

Of a sympathetic nature, he never turned a deaf ear to any worthy cause or appeal but with a kindly understanding he was always ready to give sincere sympathy and aid. As truly as it can be said of anyone, it might readily be asserted that he had no enemies.

His sudden death was a greater shock to the family, his friends and the community because of its apparent untimely occurrence at a stage when he could look back upon a life so rich and full of the greater accomplishments and endeavors in business, social and religious spheres—a life that, it seems to us, exemplified the motto of the Rotary Club of which he was president for two years, "Service Above Self."

Salisbury needs more men like "Harry" Todd. Though the hustle and bustle of present day activities makes it easy to forget what we have seen and known, it should be a source of great pleasure to cherish and try to emulate the glorifying example of his life.

In similar tone were the resolutions adopted by the directors of the Eastern Shore Trust Company, Salisbury bank, which were embodied in the minutes, published and sent to the family of Henry S. Todd.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the members of this Board, that the loss of so valued a citizen, associate and friend from our midst is keenly felt. He was a diligent worker and the business with which he was connected remains as a monument to his ability and aggressiveness. With sympathy and understanding developed to a remarkable degree, he never turned a deaf ear to any worthy cause or appeal. He was always ready to extend sympathy and aid whenever and wherever needed. He contributed largely of his earthly wealth to the many charitable appeals. May the precepts and principles left by so great a Christian gentleman be an ideal pattern for the guidance of the future generations of men.

**HENRY STEVENSON TODD, JR.**, is associated with his brothers, Laird E. Todd, and S. Houston Todd, in carrying on the wholesale tobacco business which was started by their father, Henry Stevenson Todd, Sr. in 1907, and is today one of the outstanding wholesale tobacco concerns on the Eastern Shore. Mr. Todd is very active in community affairs. He is serving his second term as a county commissioner, is a past

president of both the Salisbury Rotary Club and the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, and is a leading member of the Wicomico Presbyterian Church, where he continues the Todd family tradition by being the fourth generation of Todds to serve as elder.

He was born in Salisbury on April 16, 1893, the son of Henry Stevenson (q.v.) and Agnes (Phelps) Todd. The Todd family is a very old one on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. With the exception of one branch, all the Todds in the United States originally came from Scotland, and the name "Todd" or "Tod" is an altered form of the Scotch word meaning "fox." The progenitor of the Eastern Shore Todds was a certain Michael Todd, who is supposed to have been the son of Christopher Todd of New Haven, Connecticut. He was a shoemaker by trade and early in life formed a partnership with John Gooty. Some time between 1692 and 1698 he married Margaret Insley, the daughter of Andrew and Mary (Jones) Insley. He died in 1730 when he was "aged and infirm." Michael and Margaret (Insley) Todd were the parents of the following children, named in Michael Todd's will: Michael, James, Elizabeth Dean, Dorothy Cole, and Ruth.

James Todd, second son of Michael and Margaret (Insley) Todd, married Alice Insley, and they had seven children: Michael, Jonathan, James, Jabin, Stephen, Althea, and Dolly.

Jonathan Todd, second son of James and Alice (Insley) Todd, married Leah, and they had five children: Spencer, George, Cis, Sophia and Phoebe.

George Todd, second son of Jonathan and Leah Todd, was born about 1795 and died in June, 1866. He married (first) Elinor Christopher on December 16, 1815; they had no children. He married (second) on July 23, 1823, Catharine N. Stevenson, who was born in 1800, died in 1870. George and Catharine N. (Stevenson) Todd were the parents of the following children: Catharine E., born in 1824; George W., born in 1826; Nancy S., born in 1827; Henry Laird, born in 1830; Wilson I., born in 1831; a daughter born in 1832 who died the same day; Elizabeth J. R., born in 1834; Thomas C., born in 1836; Samuel G., born in 1838; Edward N., born in 1839; Anna, born in 1842; a son born in 1845 who died the night of his birth; Frank C., born in 1846.

Henry Laird Todd, son of George and Catharine (Stevenson) Todd, was born January 29, 1830. He married on May 18, 1852, Julia A. Fowler, and they had eight children, of whom the eldest was Henry Stevenson Todd, Sr.

Henry Stevenson Todd, Sr., married on October 26, 1887, Agnes Phelps, and they had five children: Margaret, Henry Stevenson, Jr., F. Phelps, Laird Eugene, and S. Houston. Of these, Henry Stevenson, Jr., Laird Eugene, and S. Houston Todd, today carry on the business started by their father.

Henry Stevenson Todd, Jr., attended the elementary schools of Salisbury and Salisbury High School. He started to work for his father when he was fourteen, just about when the wholesale tobacco business was being started by Henry Stevenson Todd, Sr., in 1907. At the death of their father, he and his brothers, Laird Eugene and S. Houston Todd, took over the business and still operate it, covering the territory from Smyrna, Delaware, to Cape Charles, Virginia. They occupy a highly respected place among tobacco wholesalers on the Eastern Shore.

Henry Stevenson Todd, Jr., is a member of the board of directors of the Salisbury Building & Loan Association, and also served as its treasurer. A Democrat, he was elected to the post of county commissioner

and is at present serving his second term. He has been president of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce and still serves on its board of directors. He belongs also to the Salisbury Rotary Club, and is a past president of that organization. The Todd family has played a notable part in the history of the Wicomico Presbyterian Church, having furnished elders for four generations, and Mr. Todd today still serves on the board of elders and takes an active part in the affairs of the church.

He married on March 22, 1932, Sarah Graham, daughter of Paul and Laura (Fearson) Graham, both now deceased, her father a banker. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stevenson Todd, Jr., are the parents of a son, Henry Stevenson Todd, III, born January 20, 1936.

**ALBERT FRANKLIN LAWS**, for the past two and a half years representative of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York and also associated with Booth & Brown, insurance brokers, in Salisbury, is one of the most active of Salisbury's younger business men. Mr. Laws has given much time and energy to the Junior Chamber of Commerce movement, and is past vice president of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce and at the present time vice president of the Maryland State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He was born in Snow Hill, Maryland, on November 19, 1921, the son of Albert Prevard and Maude (Perdue) Laws, his father being a farmer and mill owner.

Albert Franklin Laws attended elementary school and high school in Snow Hill. After leaving school he worked for a year and a half for the Hastings Hatchery in Parsonsburg, and then went to work for the E. I. duPont de Nemours & Company, Inc., in its nylon plant at Seaford, Delaware. After two and a half years with this concern, Mr. Laws left to enter the armed forces. He served for three years and a half in the United States Coast Guard during World War II. He was first stationed in New York and then in Norfolk on a radio repair vessel and then was transferred to a rescue crash boat and stationed in Ocean City. After receiving his discharge and returning to civilian life, he became associated with the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. He has been with this concern for the past two and a half years, and is also associated with the insurance brokers Booth & Brown of Salisbury. Mr. Laws is a member of the Salisbury Methodist Church, and of the Salisbury Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a past vice president. He was elected state vice president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for the 1948-1949 term.

Albert Franklin Laws was married on May 22, 1943, at Salisbury, to Marjorie Anne Dodds, the daughter of Carl and Frances Dodds.

**EVERETT HUGH LARMORE**—A public bookkeeper and tax consultant of high standing with offices in Salisbury, Everett Hugh Larmore is called in to do tax accounting work for many large concerns from Dover, Delaware to Bloxom, Virginia.

He was born in White Haven on January 18, 1907, the son of Everett A. and Blanche E. (Evans) Larmore, his father being a salesman.

Everett Hugh Larmore attended the public schools of Wicomico County, graduating from the local high school. He is also a graduate in higher accountancy from LaSalle Extension University. After finishing school he entered the employ of Smith & Williams, shipbuilders, in Salisbury in the capacity of book-

keeper and secretary. After two years in this position and two years with the Fruit Growers Express Company, he became associated with the old Victor Lynn Transportation Company. When this company was sold and the new Victor Lynn Lines took its place, he remained with the newly formed company, serving a total of ten years with both Victor Lynn companies and holding the post of assistant auditor at the end of his ten years' service. He then resigned and went into business for himself. Mr. Larmore does tax accounting for a great number of big companies all over the Eastern Shore. He is a member of the Salisbury Lions Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, holding the Thirty-second degree. He and his family attend the Methodist Church.

Everett Hugh Larmore was married at Crisfield, Maryland, December 31, 1928, to Eloise Nelson, the daughter of Abraham and Hattie Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Larmore are the parents of two children: Katherine Kessey Larmore, born December 28, 1931, and Larry Hugh Larmore, born May 26, 1933.

**L. SHERMAN TOWNSEND**, president of Townsend Nurseries, Incorporated, of Salisbury, said to be the world's largest growers and shippers of strawberry plants, has grown up with the nursery business, which was started by his father about the turn of the century. Townsend Nurseries and Plant Farms handle many varieties of plants and trees, but they have always specialized in strawberry plants, on which they have built up a very enviable reputation for high quality at a reasonable cost.

L. Sherman Townsend was born November 14, 1907, in Salisbury, the son of Ernest W. and Amelia C. (Shockley) Townsend.

After completing his education in the Salisbury elementary schools and Salisbury High School, L. Sherman Townsend, in 1923, became associated with his father in the nursery business. This business had been started by Ernest W. Townsend, Sr., about 1900, and in 1911 had been moved to its present location on Vine Street Extension. Founded on the idea of attempting to "grow a little better plant as each year goes by," the business has expanded steadily. Millions of strawberry plants were produced annually in virgin soil and as the Townsend Nurseries built up the reputation of being "the world's largest growers and shippers of strawberry plants," the idea of new-ground-grown strawberries attracted much attention throughout the country. L. Sherman Townsend was very closely associated with his father in the growing and handling of strawberry plants in the eight years that they worked together.

In 1935 Ernest W. Townsend, Sr., died, and the business was then carried on by his two sons, Ernest W. Townsend, Jr. and L. Sherman Townsend, the brothers forming a partnership. Since L. Sherman Townsend had the experience growing and handling strawberry plants, along with the tact required in getting along with labor, it was decided that he was to be production manager of the firm of E. W. Townsend Sons. At that time he "was producing on the farms better than one hundred acres of strawberry plants each year, as well as other nursery items, at the same time producing several hundred acres of vegetable crops each season, cultivating over one thousand acres of land, handling these items from growing, digging, packing, grading, inspections, and to see that they were packed and shipped properly so as to reach their destination as they should." In the years between







*Samuel R. [unclear]*

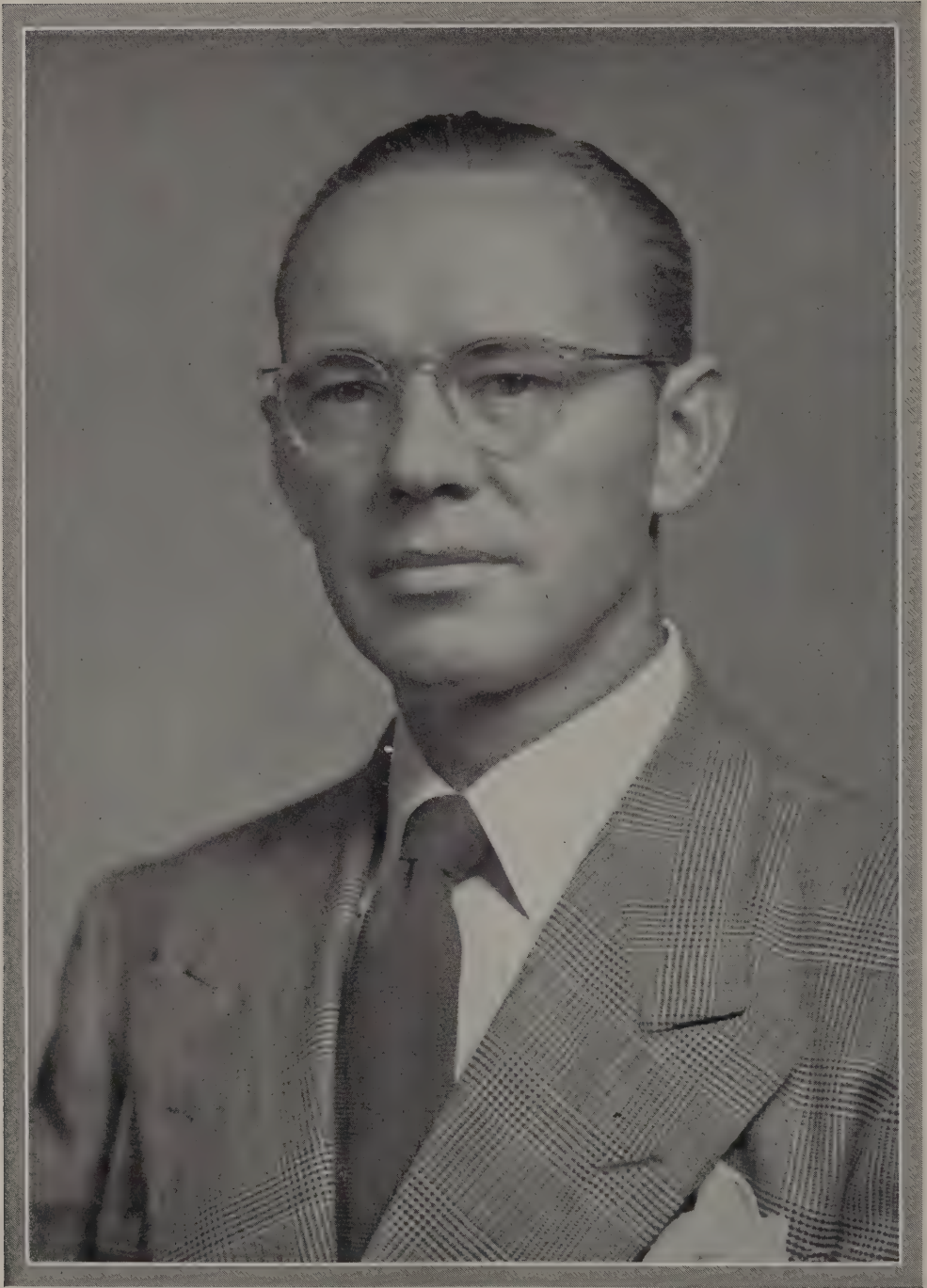


Kathryn B. Townsend









*Wendell Humphreys.*

1934 and 1942 the Townsend nursery business "just about doubled." In January, 1942, however, against his will, L. Sherman Townsend transferred into the offices of E. W. Townsend Sons, and due to the pressure of his work there, found it impossible to supervise the outside work of production, with the result that the farms failed to produce satisfactorily. In April, 1944 the partnership of E. W. Townsend Sons was dissolved at a public auction, and L. Sherman Townsend purchased the entire establishment, comprising the nursery, packing houses and entire mailing list, all horticultural printing plates, as well as by far the greater part of the equipment, and also the nursery and farm land. The name of the company became Townsend Nurseries, Incorporated, with L. Sherman Townsend serving as president of the company, as well as its manager, W. Wendell Humphreys as vice president, and K. B. Townsend as secretary and treasurer. This concern digs and ships a million and a half strawberry plants a day at the height of the shipping season, and during the first four months of 1948 shipped more than thirty million plants. They advertise in well-known papers all over the country and ship to every corner of the United States where strawberry plants are grown, as well as to foreign lands. In addition to strawberry plants, the Townsend Nurseries ship blueberry bushes, raspberry plants, blackberries, dewberries, grape vines and many other "select strain" fruits.

L. Sherman Townsend is a member of the Asbury Methodist Church of Salisbury, and fraternally he is affiliated with Salisbury Lodge, No. 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Townsend married at Salisbury on October 30, 1926, Kathryn Bennett, the daughter of James L. and Lena (Kelley) Bennett. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend have two children: 1. Margaret Bennett, born February 15, 1928. 2. Susan Ann, born June 21, 1936.

**WILLIAM WENDELL HUMPHREYS**, vice president of the Townsend Nurseries, Incorporated, of Salisbury, was born May 28, 1908 in Green Hill, Maryland, near the old Green Hill Church, the son of Walter Townsend and Mary Mattie (Layfield) Humphreys. His father was a farmer.

After attending the local elementary school and Salisbury High School, Mr. Humphreys worked for different department stores in Salisbury, buying and selling ladies' wearing apparel. After a number of years in this field accumulating business experience, he broke away during World War II to work for the United States Government in one of the emergency agencies, from 1943 to 1946. In 1947 he became associated with the Townsend Nurseries, Incorporated, which had been founded in Salisbury about 1900 and had been at its present location on Vine Street Extension since 1911. This concern had gradually built up an extensive business in strawberry plants and had become known as "the world's largest growers and shippers of strawberry plants," as well as large growers and shippers of other nursery plants. After a year with the company, Mr. Humphreys was made vice president in 1948. L. Sherman Townsend (q. v.), son of the founder of the business, is manager and president of the Townsend Nurseries, Incorporated, and has been active in the business since 1923.

Fraternally he is affiliated with Salisbury Lodge, No. 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Humphreys is also a member of the Asbury Methodist Church of Salisbury.

He married at Salisbury on November 26, 1931,

Pauline Virginia Harrington, the daughter of Benjamin Frank and Isadora (Pritchett) Harrington, her father being a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys have two children: 1. William Wendell, Jr., born May 25, 1934. 2. Stephen Edwin, born June 16, 1941.

**NORMAN W. HARRINGTON**—On the staff of the Easton "Star-Democrat" in the capacity of editor and manager is Norman W. Harrington in whose brief history is to be found an impressive array of varied activities.

Born December 23, 1921, in Baltimore, Mr. Harrington is the son of the Rev. Norman C. Harrington, of Tunis Mills and Leah (Brown) Harrington. Rev. Harrington died May 2, 1949. Norman W. Harrington was a student at City College in Baltimore, and graduated from Easton High School in 1938, later attending the White School of Photography and Art in New York City. He was in attendance at the latter school in 1940 but prior to that time, from 1937 to 1939, he had worked as a free-lance photographer and reporter for the "Baltimore Sun" and the Associated Press on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Mr. Harrington enlisted in the Signal Corps Army Pictorial Service in May, 1942, and from September of that year until October, 1945, served overseas in Great Britain, North Africa, Italy, France, and Germany. He was awarded five battle stars for participation in the North African landings and the Tunisian, Rome-Arno, Central European, and German campaigns. Commissioned a second lieutenant at Nancy, France, he served as photographic officer of the Continental Advance Section. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for work in Germany.

Ernie Pyle devoted a chapter of his book, "Here is Your War," to the experiences of Norman Harrington and a fellow photographer, the late Ned Modica, in the invasion of North Africa at Oran with the 1st United States Infantry Division.

Upon returning to civilian life, Mr. Harrington became associated with the Easton "Star-Democrat" and now serves as editor and manager. He assumed this position upon the retirement of C. E. Bray on July 1, 1948.

At eighteen Mr. Harrington became a member of the Rotary Club of Easton and was at that time believed to be the youngest Rotarian in the United States. He served during 1948 as the club's president.

Mr. Harrington has been active in civic affairs for a number of years. He is a member of the board of the county Red Cross Chapter and in 1939, 1940, 1941, 1947, and 1948 served as county chairman for the March of Dimes campaign. He is publicity director of the Chesapeake Bay Fishing Fair Association and a member of Easton Lodge No. 1622, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Miller Lodge No. 18, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Talbot Country Club; the Miles River Yacht Club; and several other organizations. He attends the Baptist Church, and is a Democrat in politics. His hobby is photography.

Since his return from army service, Mr. Harrington has evidenced a deep interest in international affairs. During 1946 and 1947 he made a number of talks before civic groups in the Eastern Shore area on the subject of the United Nations and other international topics.

**ZEBULON HOPKINS STAFFORD** is a young attorney of Easton who, except for five years spent in the service of his country in the United States Navy, has been established in private legal practice there, and



has participated in the activities of a number of local organizations.

On October 14, 1913, Zebulon H. Stafford was born in Cordova, Talbot County, son of John P. and F. Leah (Haddaway) Stafford. Both parents, lifelong residents of Talbot County, are still living, John P. Stafford being a farmer.

Mr. Stafford attended Gilman County School and the University of Virginia. He took his legal studies at George Washington Law School, receiving his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1937. Admitted in that year to the District of Columbia and Maryland bars, he began a general practice in Easton, which has been interrupted only by his period of service in the navy. This service reflects no less credit on Mr. Stafford than does his professional record. On March 5, 1941, he enlisted in the United States Navy as an ensign, he won the rank of lieutenant, and served aboard the famed U.S.S. "Sangamon." He was later in charge of an armed guard crew aboard the United States Army Transport "Roanoke." He served aboard the U.S.S. "Kyne," as executive officer and later as commanding officer and was discharged from the service March 10, 1946, having attained the rank of lieutenant-commander. He is entitled to wear the ribbons of the European, American, and Asiatic Theaters, with seven combat stars, as well as the Victory Medal.

Mr. Stafford resumed private practice in Easton. He is affiliated professionally with the state and county bar associations, and fraternally with Delta Kappa Epsilon. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Lions Club, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Miles River Yacht Club, and the Talbot Country Club. His family attends Christ Episcopal Church, where he is a vestryman.

On June 12, 1941, Zebulon Hopkins Stafford married Ruth Jane Cunningham, a native of Oklahoma who moved to Dorchester County in 1932. She is the daughter of the late R. R. and Ruth Jane Cunningham. The Staffords are the parents of a daughter, Mary Melinda, born July 19, 1944, and a son Zebulon Hopkins Stafford, III, born September 3, 1948.

**JAMES ASBURY HOLLOWAY** is a member of a family long prominent in the annals of Wicomico County. His legal career in Salisbury dates back to 1915, when he entered the law office of L. Atwood Bennett to study under his supervision and work as his private secretary. He has filled public office with integrity.

An ancestor of Mr. Holloway's family was Joshua Holloway who served in the Revolutionary War. Others were Nicholas Toadvine, William Bozman (William Bossman or William Bozeman) and John Laws, early Colonial settlers. Mr. Holloway's paternal grandfather, Elisha, was on the board of the first County Commissioners for Wicomico County, and an uncle, Daniel James, was treasurer of that county. On the maternal side was Stephen P. Toadvine, an uncle, who was Clerk of Court, and Ernest A. Toadvine, a cousin, who served in the same capacity in the County Court. Mr. Holloway comes naturally by his abilities as a public servant.

Mr. Holloway's father, Samuel J. R., was a funeral director, starting his business in 1887, and conducting it in Salisbury from 1900 until his death in 1934. This firm is now carried on by two other sons, Walter R. and S. Preston Holloway, under the name of Holloway and Company.

Samuel J. R. Holloway married Emma Jane Toad-

vine, and their son, James Asbury, was born in Berlin, Worcester County, on July 20, 1896. He graduated from the Wicomico High School in 1914, and became associated with L. Atwood Bennett, Attorney, and has continued with him until the present time. During this tenure, Mr. Holloway has served his community in a number of capacities. During World War I, he was a member of the county's draft board; and in November, 1934, was first elected to the Office of Register of Wills for Wicomico County; a post which he has filled consecutively since that time, this being his fourth term of four years' tenure each.

Mr. Holloway is a member of the Wicomico Historical Society. His religious affiliation is with the Bethesda Methodist Church.

**JAMES THOMAS YOUNG**—Prominent among the citizens of Pocomoke City of the last generation was the late Captain James Thomas Young, who was active in the lumber business there. Captain Young served as county commissioner for Worcester County and took a keen interest in all that pertained to the welfare of both city and county. He was a member of the Methodist Church, was prominent in fraternal circles, and was held in high respect by all who knew him.

James Thomas Young was born in what is now Pocomoke City but which was at the time of his birth, on October 9, 1846, Newtown. He was the son of James Henry and Sarah Ellen (Stevenson) Young. James Henry Young was in the shipbuilding and lumber business, and the lumber business which he started was continued by his son and grandson, now being carried on by the latter under the name of the Norris Young Millwork Company. Captain James Thomas Young was educated in the Pocomoke public schools. After leaving school he became associated with his father in the lumber business, and he was actively engaged in this business during all his mature life. Captain Young not only carried on successfully the business which had been started by his father, but was able to see his son take over in his turn. Captain Young was a member of the Methodist Church. He was past master of his lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and was also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias.

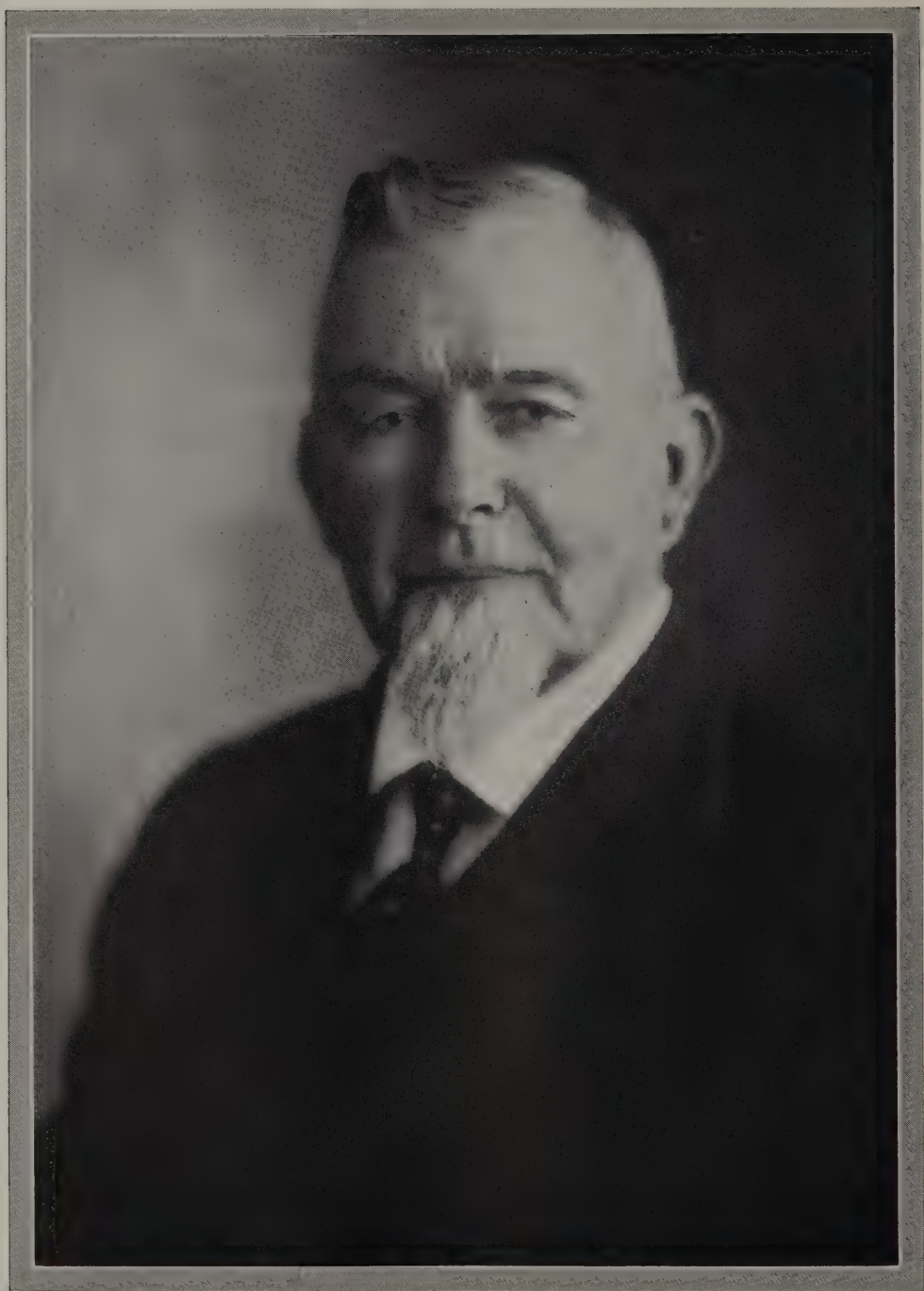
James Thomas Young married at Snow Hill, on January 12, 1870, Sarah Amelia Bevans, the daughter of John Silverthorn and Sarah Anne (Smullin) Bevans. Captain and Mrs. Young were the parents of ten children: Sarah Olivia, James Henry, John Paul, Leslie Thomas, Minnie Lillian, Anne Strayer, Emma Colburn, Lucille Bevans, Norris Melvin, and Ruth Phyllis.

His son Norris M. Young (q.v.) is now president of the Norris Young Millwork Company of Pocomoke City.

**NORRIS M. YOUNG**—As president of the Norris Young Millwork Company, a lumber and millwork business which was established more than one hundred years ago by his grandfather, Norris M. Young plays an active part in the business life of Pocomoke City. Mr. Young is also identified with the Young Realty Corporation and Young's Sand & Gravel Company, both of which were organized in 1946. He is president of the city council of Pocomoke City at the present time and has served his fellow citizens in the past as mayor.

Norris M. Young was born September 11, 1888 in Pocomoke City, the son of the late Captain James





Gen. T. Young





*Harris M. Young*



Thomas and Sarah Amelia (Bevans) Young and the grandson of James Henry and Sarah Ellen (Stevenson) Young. His grandfather, James Henry Young, was a shipbuilder and lumber dealer, and his father also was a lumber dealer and engaged in the lumber business until the time of his death. Captain James Thomas Young (q. v.) served as county commissioner of Worcester County and was active in local affairs. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom Norris M. was the next to the youngest.

Norris M. Young attended elementary school and high school in Pocomoke City, after which he took a commercial course in the Peirce Business School in Philadelphia. He then became associated with his father, Captain James Thomas Young, in the family lumber and millwork business and has been identified with this business ever since. The business was incorporated in 1925, with James T. Young, J. Harry Young, and Norris M. Young as officers. In July, 1946 its name was changed to the Norris Young Millwork Company. Norris M. Young is president, and the other officers of the company are John G. Parsons, Everett P. Hughes, and George F. Nielson. Also in 1946, the Young Realty Corporation was formed and Young's Sand and Gravel Company, both doing business in Pocomoke City and the surrounding areas. Mr. Young is active in local politics and has served for one term as mayor of Pocomoke City. He is now president of the city council. He belongs to the Lions Club and the Winter Quarters Country Club, and fraternally is affiliated with Lodge No. 1624, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Crescent Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Boumi Temple of Baltimore, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Protestant.

Norris M. Young married in 1919, at New Bern, North Carolina, Corinne Blalock, the daughter of Romulus and Zimenia (Wimberley) Blalock.

**WILLIAM EDWIN RIGGIN**, sole owner of the W. E. Riggin & Company business of Crisfield, packers and freezers of sea food, and second vice president of the Packers Ice and Cold Storage Company, has spent many years in the sea food business and is one of the foremost dealers on the Eastern Shore.

He is the son of Elisha Travis and Mary Nicholas (Somers) Riggin. His father, who was born in Crisfield, October 5, 1851, and died there in May, 1916, was a prominent dealer in sea food products, and was also one of the organizers and a director of the Bank of Crisfield, serving in the latter capacity for over forty years. A Democrat in political affiliation, the elder Riggin served as both town commissioner and county commissioner, and was otherwise active in local affairs. He served for a time as president of the town commission.

William Edwin Riggin was born in Crisfield, May 5, 1889. He attended the local elementary schools and Crisfield High School, after which he was for a time a pupil at Charlotte Hall Military Academy. He then took a business course at the Peirce Business School of Philadelphia, and followed this by more advanced study in business administration at the Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1909, he became associated with his father, Elisha T. Riggin, in the oyster business which had been established in 1878 at Crisfield by Elisha T. and Stephen R. Riggin and was operated under the name of Riggin Brothers. The firm handled not only oysters but many other sea food products. When

Stephen Riggin died, his interest in the business was purchased by W. L. Tull, and in 1920, when Elisha T. Riggin retired, the business was continued under the name of W. L. Tull & Brother until 1942. In that year it was taken over by William Edwin Riggin, who has continued it up to the present time under the firm name of W. E. Riggin & Company, he being, however, the sole owner. Within recent years the sea food business has been in a period of expansion and transition, due to the many changes introduced by the development of frozen foods. Mr. Riggin has been able to keep pace with the changes and take advantage of them in his own business, and he was one of the prime movers in organizing the purchase of the local ice and cold storage business, which had been in the hands of the Eastern Shore Public Service Company, but has now returned to local ownership. Ninety-eight per cent of the sea food dealers in Crisfield are stockholders in the Packers Ice & Cold Storage Company, which was formed to buy and operate this plant, with its approximately 110,000 cubic feet of cold storage space. In addition to looking after the manifold affairs of his own business, which specializes in oysters, soft-shell crabs, hard-shell crabs and shadders but deals in all manner of sea food products, Mr. Riggin is an active member of the Crisfield Seafood Association and the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce. He is a great believer in the benefits of co-operation in his particular industry, and he serves as second vice president of the Packers Ice & Cold Storage Company. Freezing has become as important as packing and shipping in the successful management of the sea food industry, and Mr. Riggin has been a leading spirit in the development of community resources for the benefit of this outstanding local industry. In politics Mr. Riggin is a Democrat, and his religious affiliations are with the Immanuel Methodist Church.

He married, in Crisfield on November 27, 1909, Katharine Ann Benson, a native of Wilmington, Delaware, and the daughter of Nathaniel Radcliff and Clara J. (Underwood) Benson, both of whom were born in Wilmington and died there. Mr. and Mrs. Riggin are the parents of two children: 1. William Edwin Riggin, Jr., born in Crisfield, September 24, 1910. He married at Crisfield in 1933, Elva Miles, a native of Somerset County, and they have two children, William Edwin Riggin, III, born in Crisfield, February 3, 1934, and Nelson Colbourne, born in Crisfield, August 10, 1946. 2. Nathaniel, born in Crisfield, March 4, 1915, and now associated with his father in W. E. Riggin & Company. He married Carolyn May Davis of Marion Station and they have two children: Oden Davis Riggin and John Price Hyatt Riggin.

**JAMES McCLELLAND WALES**—Of the younger coterie who contribute so largely to the business, civic and social life of St. Michaels, Talbot County, James McClelland Wales is a prominent figure. In business he is associated with the insurance and real estate firms, the head of one and a partner in the other. In community affairs including the wide range of activities that this term employs, he is frequently to the fore. In personal interests he is a clubman and fraternalist.

Mr. Wales was born at St. Michaels, on September 1, 1914, and was educated in local schools. His parents were Robert D. and Julia Rebecca (Woodmender) Wales, the father being superintendent of the Olivet Cemetery. He was also a native of St. Michaels,



with Mrs. Wales coming originally from Chestertown, Maryland. The first employment of note of James McClelland Wales was with O. Harper Benson under whom he learned the selling of insurance. In 1938 he became a partner in the firm of Benson and Wales, and after the death of the older man took over the concern and since has conducted its operations efficiently. He handles all kinds of insurance except life.

Mr. Wales is also a realtor, a partner of Daniel Hughes LeCompte under the trade title of LeCompte and Wales. During World War II he was connected with the Registration Board under the Selection Department, and served in the United States Coast Guard with the rank of seaman first class. He is a member of and a former secretary of the Rotary Club and is chairman of the regatta committee of the Miles River Yacht Club. Fraternally Mr. Wales is affiliated with Granite Lodge, No. 177, of which he was master in 1948. He worships at the Sardis Methodist Episcopal Church, where he is a trustee and choir director. His hobbies or recreations are varied, including fishing, hunting, painting and yachting. In all of these he enjoys sailing his own boat and is familiar with many of the intricate waters of the Eastern Shore.

On June 22, 1941, James McClelland Wales married Dorothy Wales Seth, daughter of Robert L. and Ella Irene (Wales) Seth, her father a retired coal merchant.

**STANLEY K. BAKER** is identified with the electrical contracting business in Salisbury, operating in his own name since 1943, with offices located at 422 Druid Hill Avenue. He is also well-known as a fraternalist, and is active in community affairs.

Mr. Baker was born in Custer, Michigan, October 31, 1910, and is a son of John E. and Lulu E. (Larr) Baker. His father, who is a farmer, is a native of Canada, born in the Province of Quebec, while the former Lulu E. Larr was born in Ohio. Stanley K. Baker received his public school education in three states, Michigan, Delaware and Maryland, and the family had settled on the Eastern Shore before the conclusion of his school years. His first occupation was that of farmer, which he followed until the age of twenty-five years, managing acreage in Somerset County. For five years he was associated with Montgomery Ward and Company in Salisbury, in the capacity of clerk, and thereafter became connected with the Art Craft Electrical Supply Company in Salisbury. With this concern he remained as a salesman for four years.

In October, 1943, Mr. Baker entered the electrical contracting business in Salisbury under his own name, and his enterprise has been increasingly prosperous to the present time. Located at 422 Druid Hill Avenue, the concern employs from five to eight persons, and three trucks are kept in operation by the company's activities. The firm undertakes all types of electrical contracts: residential, commercial and industrial, and has within the five years of its operation gained the confidence of the public on the Eastern Shore.

Mr. Baker has to his credit an excellent record of military service. For thirteen years he has been a member of the Maryland National Guard, Company I, 29th Division, 1st Regiment. He is a Democrat in his political views.

Fraternally, Mr. Baker is affiliated with the Newton Lodge No. 56 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is district deputy grand master of that lodge. He belongs also to the Enterprise Encampment No.

59, Patriarchs Militant in which he holds the rank of lieutenant in Salisbury Canton No. 5. He is affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge No. 654, and is a member of East Side Men's Club. He and his family attend the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church. Woodworking affords Mr. Baker an enjoyable indoor hobby of the constructive sort, while he finds in fishing his favorite outdoor diversion.

At Princess Anne, September 16, 1933, Stanley K. Baker married Mabel E. Parks, daughter of George W. and Sadie B. (Gale) Parks, her father being now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are the parents of three children: 1. James E., born July 25, 1934. 2. Betty Belle, born February 22, 1936. 3. Stanley G., born July 20, 1947.

**MARION FRANCIS KENT** has established an unusual record of loyalty, in the commercial life of Salisbury. Throughout his life he has been associated with the firm of Doody Brothers, wholesale grocers, and has risen to the position of owner and manager. The firm has throughout the long years of its existence won the good favor of the residents of Salisbury; and Mr. Kent, as its head, has become one of the prominent figures in the city's commercial affairs.

He was born in Wicomico County, near Salisbury, November 12, 1893, son of Marion and Evaline (Lowe) Kent. His father was a merchant, and both parents are now deceased. Early showing an interest in merchandising activities as had his father, Marion Francis Kent, after education in the public schools of Salisbury, entered the employ of Doody Brothers store. He was at that time twelve years old, and the firm with which he associated himself, the one with which he remains identified today, was a wholesale and retail grocery establishment, which had been founded before 1900 by Patrick and Richard Doody. It was managed until 1928 by Patrick Doody, continuing throughout those years under the firm name of Doody Brothers. In that year, Patrick Doody died, and the business was continued in operation by his estate, until its purchase, in July, 1944, by Marion Francis Kent. Mr. Kent had begun his connection with this enterprise in the capacity of clerk, but through the years developed an interest in its management, and an understanding of its operations. Since 1944 he has ably directed its affairs. It now employs five persons at its market at 401 Main Street, and deals exclusively in high-grade meats and groceries.

Mr. Kent is a Democrat in his political beliefs. He and his family attend St. Peters Episcopal Church in Salisbury.

In Easton, September 9, 1922, Marion Francis Kent married Rose Ellen Savage of Jamesville, Virginia, and they are the parents of a son, Marion Francis, born July 11, 1936.

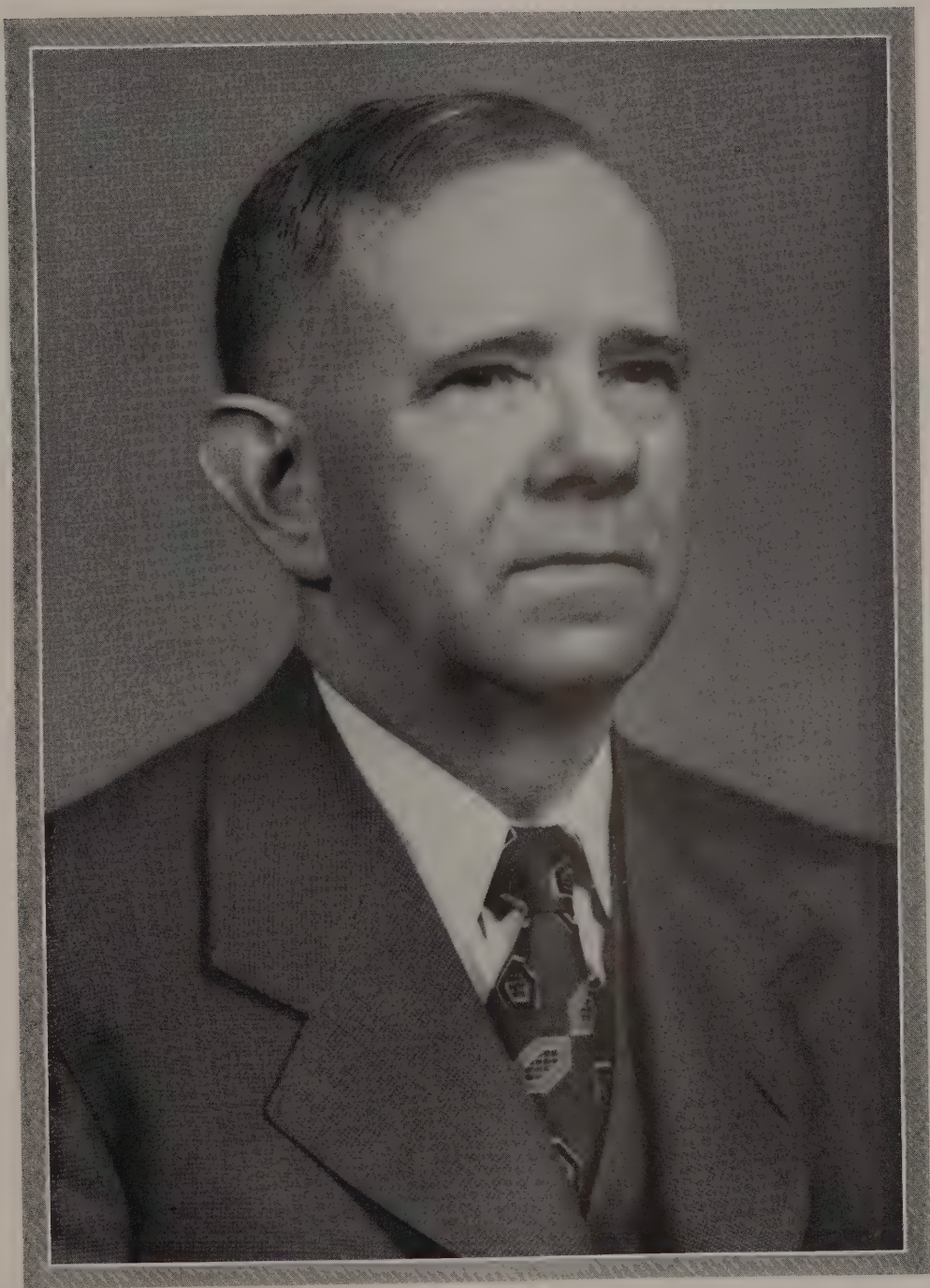
**GEORGE THOMAS HARRISON**—One of the Eastern Shore's outstanding citizens is George Thomas Harrison, president of the thriving Tilghman Packing Company, on Tilghman Island, about halfway down the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay. This company was established by his father and uncle in 1897, the year of his birth. As president of this business, a history of which appears elsewhere in this volume, Mr. Harrison has had the vision to keep the Tilghman firm abreast of the times and always a little ahead of others in the field, and the ability to inspire others in the organization to give their best to it, while he himself gives all the credit for the company's success to its employees. Mr. Harrison is extremely active





*Stanley H. Baker*





*Marion F Kent*









*S Taylor Harrison*



Geo. T. Harrison









*Kenneth E. Harrison Sr.*



JOHN CAMPER HARRISON





in community affairs and a tireless worker for the good of the Eastern Shore region, which he believes is already the finest place in the world to live. He is a member of many local organizations, in which he has held many offices.

Born in Tilghman on August 8, 1897, he was the son of S. Taylor and Clara E. (Howeth) Harrison. He attended the public schools as far as the eighth grade and had six months' training in the Baltimore Business College. He had grown up in the business that had been started by his father and uncle, S. Taylor and John Camper Harrison, as the Tilghman Packing Company, and in 1918 at the age of twenty-one he became a partner, his uncle having died a short time before.

Twenty years later, in 1938 upon the death of his father, the business was incorporated, and George Thomas Harrison was elected president, an office he has filled to the present time. "George," as he is affectionately called by all, is held in high regard both by the employees of the Tilghman firm and by others in the region.

The respect in which he is held by the industry at large is indicated by the many responsible tasks that have fallen to his lot. He was one of a group of five men on the East Coast who served on the fish commission of the War Food Administration during the war, their function being to decide a year in advance how many of each species of sea food should be canned by the industry and to allocate quotas to the various canning houses. He also served as a member of the advisory committee of the fish section of the Office of Price Administration. He was appointed by the United States Navy to search out and report on subversive activities in this section of the Chesapeake Bay area. He is at the present time a member of the Tidewater Fisheries Commission, a director of the Oyster Growers and Dealers Association, a member and director of the Oyster Institute, a member of the National Fisheries Institute and chairman of its membership committee, a member of the Tri-State Packers Association and chairman of its legislative committee, and a member of the Maryland Trucking Association. He belongs also to the Maryland Commercial Fishermen's Association, the Chesapeake Bay Fair Fishing Association and the National Shell Fisheries Association.

Internally Mr. Harrison is affiliated with Granite Lodge, No. 177, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at St. Michaels and with the Easton Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons and Knights Templar Commandery. He is a life member of Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Baltimore, and of its Crippled Children's Hospital, and is affiliated with the Maryland Consistory in Baltimore, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Other organizations to which he belongs include the Jesters, the Bay Hundred Lions Club, the Miles River Yacht Club, the Cambridge Yacht Club, Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, and the Tilghman Volunteer Fire Company. He was director of Troop 152 of the Boy Scouts of America from its organization until 1946. A member of Ducks Unlimited, he serves as its regional vice president. He takes an active interest in the work of the Tilghman Methodist Church and is a member of its board of trustees. Mr. Harrison's hobbies are, first of all, people, and next, sports in general and especially water sports and baseball. He owns his own boat, a fine forty-foot cabin cruiser.

George Thomas Harrison married on February 20, 1919, Rosella Harrison, daughter of John B. and

Amelia (Covington) Harrison. Her father was famous in this region as a log canoe boat builder. George Thomas and Rosella Harrison are the parents of two children: 1. John T. Harrison, who was born at Tilghman on August 12, 1921. He is a graduate of the local schools and of the University of Maryland. He took his basic training in the United States Army at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Georgia, then went to Fort Benning, Georgia, was commissioned a second lieutenant and sent to Camp Blanding, Florida. From there he was transferred to the University of Virginia School of Military Government, and then was sent to Korea as assistant chief of the Processed Food Division of the American National Military Government of Korea, later becoming chief of this division. He was discharged with the rank of first lieutenant at Camp Meade on September 15, 1946. He is now vice president of the Tilghman Packing Company. John T. Harrison is a member of the Bay Hundred Lions Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to Phi Sigma Kappa college fraternity and also is affiliated with Granite Lodge No. 177, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of St. Michaels. He married in June, 1942, Doris Mullikin of Easton, the daughter of Ralph Mullikin. 2. George Heller Harrison, second son of George Thomas and Rosella Harrison was born November 29, 1934. He is a student at St. Michaels High School.

**KENNETH E. HARRISON, SR.**—As secretary and treasurer of the Tilghman Packing Company of Tilghman, a sketch of which appears hereafter, Kenneth E. Harrison, Sr., plays a prominent role in the business life of Chesapeake Bay region. In addition he takes an active part in community affairs, and is prominently identified with Tilghman Methodist Church, serving it in several official capacities as well as lending his influence to every good work that it undertakes.

Kenneth E. Harrison was born in Tilghman on August 31, 1900, the son of the late John Camper and Cora L. (Heath) Harrison, the former a native of Tilghman, who died in 1916, the latter a native of Wicomico County, who died in 1939. John Camper Harrison was one of the founders of the Tilghman Packing Company, which he and his brother, S. Taylor Harrison, started in 1897.

Kenneth E. Harrison attended the public schools of Tilghman and Baltimore Business College. He was brought up in the family packing and canning business. However, when he finished his course at the Baltimore Business College, he went to work in the Tilghman Bank, serving there in the capacity of assistant cashier for a year and a half. He then became an auditor for the First National Bank of Baltimore, and filled this position for another eighteen months, at the end of which he returned to Tilghman and became associated with the family business, the Tilghman Packing and Canning Companies. In 1928 he became a partner in this business and when it was incorporated in 1938 he assumed the office of secretary and treasurer, which he has ably filled ever since.

In addition to being active in the family business, Mr. Harrison gives much time to community projects. He is a devoted member of the Tilghman Methodist Church, serving as chairman of its board of trustees, secretary to its official board, and a member of the financial committee. He is a member of the Bay Hundred Lions Club. By political affiliation, Mr. Harrison is a Democrat. During World War II, he was engaged in naval intelligence work for the United

States Navy. He is a director of the Tilghman Bank. Mr. Harrison enjoys his church work best of all his leisure-time activities but he also makes a hobby of fishing and baseball.

He married on September 1, 1921, Nora Olive Wise of York, Pennsylvania, and they have three children: 1. Kenneth E. Harrison, Jr., a graduate of the local schools and of Baltimore Business College, and now associated with the Tilghman Packing Company. He married Marguerite Bryant, and they have two children: i. Audrey. ii. Kenneth Jennings. 2. Audrey, a graduate of the local schools. She married Gerald Wilson, and they have two children: i. Donald Wesley. ii. John Kenneth. 3. Florence, a graduate of the local schools. She married Henry T. Leonard, and they have two children: i. Susan K. ii. Deborah K.

**THE TILGHMAN PACKING COMPANY**—At Tilghman Island, about halfway down the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay, is a fifty-one-year-old business which has built itself into the community as it developed from year to year: the Tilghman Packing Company, which processes sea food and vegetables under its famous label, "Tilghman Time-Tested Products," and sells them in a territory embracing over half of the United States.

The business was founded in 1897 by two brothers, S. Taylor Harrison and J. Camper Harrison, to shuck and pack oysters. S. Taylor Harrison at the age of twenty-one had been given a Chesapeake Bay log canoe by his father, and with this canoe had joined the ranks of the oystermen of Tilghman. At that time the oystermen used to sell their oysters to the large schooners from Baltimore that used to carry them to the Baltimore shucking houses. The first building of the Tilghman Packing Company accommodated about fifteen shuckers, who often began their work by candle-light, before dawn, and continued until long after dark when necessity demanded. In that day the oyster shells were considered worthless and were dumped into the water. Today much of the plant of the Tilghman Packing Company stands on an island made of oyster shells and connected to the mainland by a long wooden bridge. Other buildings spread along the shore.

A few years after the two brothers founded the Tilghman Packing Company, the Tilghman Canning Company was started, and a younger brother, O. N. Harrison—or Cap'n Nick, as he was to be called in later years by the younger members of the firm—was taken into the partnership. The Tilghman Packing Company and the Tilghman Canning Company worked in harmony to keep the plant operating on a year-round basis. Ice for the packing house would be brought from Baltimore by steamboat, and the same steamboat would take back to Baltimore the kegs and small barrels of oysters packed that day. In order to keep the help employed in the summer months crabmeat was picked, and vegetables were canned.

In 1916, when the Tilghman Bank was chartered, S. Taylor Harrison was made its first president, a post he continued to fill for many years. J. Camper Harrison died in 1916. By this time the second generation of Harrison boys were becoming old enough to carry responsibility, and since they had been brought up in the business, it was natural to turn to them for help in the management. J. C. Harrison, Jr., was made a partner in the Tilghman Canning Company, and in 1918 George T. Harrison (q. v.), the son of S. Taylor Harrison, was made a partner in the business. A few years later Kenneth E. Harrison, a son of J. Camper

Harrison, also became a member of the firm, and in more recent years Lowery Harrison, son of O. N. Harrison, was made a partner in the Tilghman Canning Company. In 1938, after the death of S. Taylor Harrison, the packing and canning companies were merged into one and the business was incorporated, under the name of the Tilghman Packing Company. It was at that time that George T. Harrison, now president of the company, first assumed that office. Oswald N. Harrison (Cap'n Nick) was made vice president and Kenneth E. Harrison secretary-treasurer. In recent years members of still a third generation of Harrison boys have been bringing new strength to the business. John T. Harrison, son of George T. Harrison, and Kenneth E. Harrison, Jr., are both now associated with the Tilghman Packing Company.

As the business expanded, new scientific methods of packing were adopted, sanitation was stressed, and new services to the fishermen and farmers of the Eastern Shore were provided by the Tilghman Packing Company. In 1927 the company built and operated the first electric and ice-manufacturing plant on the island, providing pioneer service and later selling to a company serving other areas along the Eastern Shore. Oyster shells were no longer considered as waste products after the early days. Thousands of bushels of them have been sold for road-building, and other thousands of bushels sold to the Conservation Department of the State of Maryland to be placed on the natural oyster beds to provide a clutch for the new oyster spat. Other oyster shells are processed in the shell-grinding plant which the company built to manufacture agricultural lime and chicken grit for the farmers of the Eastern Shore.

As long ago as 1912 vegetable crops of local farmers were processed under contract, and soon the company had several hundred acres of farm land of its own under scientific cultivation and was buying large quantities of tomatoes on the open market in addition to those contracted for from local growers. Year by year this phase of the business grew, and meantime the sea food packing industry was growing also, as more and more modern methods were introduced. Today there is no waste at all; for what was formerly considered refuse is utilized for farm fertilizer or for hog food. Last year the company built a modern fish meal to utilize all the fish refuse into chicken feed and extract the fish oil. The company packs fresh shucked oysters and crabmeat, ships fresh fish in season, cans shad and shad roe, mackerel and mackerel roe, herring and herring roe, trout, silver hake, and other sea food; corn, tomatoes and other vegetables. So clean and sanitary is the plant that for the past few years a reward of ten dollars has been offered to anyone who can find ten flies in the crab picking rooms or the packing room. Much of the packing and canning equipment is of stainless steel, to resist the corrosive action of salt air and sea food, and the company maintains its own machine shop where such of this equipment as cannot easily be purchased is designed and built. The main cannery uses a conveyor system and a merry-go-round stainless steel packing table.

The Tilghman Packing Company now employs between four and five hundred people during the peak season, and justly prides itself on its excellent relations with its employees. Tilghman Packing Company workers receive bonuses based on profits and the proportionate share which is contributed by each worker to those profits. Workers and their families all have hospitalization and insurance which are paid for by the firm. The management is always eager to give its







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employees credit for the most of the success of the company, and during the war years, when the workers in many packing houses left in large numbers to go into higher paying munition plants, Tilghman workers proved their loyalty by remaining and turning out more and better work than ever. Not a single key man or woman left to enter another plant of any sort. On August 12, 1944, the coveted Achievement "A" of the War Food Administration of the United States was conferred upon the Tilghman Packing Company as a token of its outstanding contribution in the production of processed foods, and later an additional star was awarded the company to mark its "continuance in the high standard of excellence" and "the splendid working conditions between employer and employee." At the time of the "A" award, George T. Harrison, president of the company, after conferring with his employees, decided to set aside a suitable sum to build an addition to the local church, to be known as the Men's Bible Class Room, which would be open for social affairs involving any of Tilghman's returning service men and their wives and parents, thus according the Government's recognition of the Tilghman Packing Company "permanent honor." Never in the history of the company has there been any work stoppage because of labor difficulties. Says President George T. Harrison: "I would like to give our faithful employees credit for the success of the company. I have always realized that no one man or two men can run a company. It must be done by the teamwork of everybody connected with it."

In 1947 the Tilghman Packing Company celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. Today, under the management of the sons and grandsons of its founders, with many loyal employees and the respect of the entire packing industry of the Eastern Shore, the company looks forward to many more years of successful development.

**EDWARD RIALI WHITE, JR.**, has since 1921 been engaged in the drug business in Salisbury, and since 1925, under the firm name of White & Leonard, he and his brother, Milton G. White, and his sister, Louise White, have been conducting the largest drug and stationery store on the Eastern Shore.

Mr. White was born in Salisbury on December 10, 1897, the son of Edward Riall White and Nellie (Parsons) White. His father, Edward Riall White, who was born at Tyaskin, started a drug business in Salisbury with James Leonard in 1889 and in 1901 bought Mr. Leonard out, although the firm continued to do business under the name of White & Leonard, a name which is retained today. Nellie (Parsons) White was born on a farm, Handy Hall, not far from Salisbury.

Edward Riall White, Jr. was graduated from the public schools of Salisbury. He also attended the Petty School at Hightstown, New Jersey, and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he graduated in the class of 1921. Meantime he had seen service in the United States Army during World War I. He enlisted on April 10, 1917 and served in Company I, 115th Infantry Division under Captain Woodcock, now General Woodcock. In 1918 he went overseas and participated in the Alsace-Lorraine and St. Mihiel drive, and the Meuse-Argonne offensive, being wounded in the latter engagement. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Croix de Guerre, and Purple Heart decorations. Following his discharge from the United States Army in June, 1919, he began his pharmaceuti-

cal studies in Philadelphia. In 1921, after his graduation, he became associated with his father in the drug business in Salisbury. At that time the business was largely confined to drugs, but in 1925 they opened an adjacent store handling commercial stationery and supplies, which proved very successful. Drugs and stationery are handled today in one store, which is among the largest of its sort on the Eastern Shore, and it is very efficiently run under the management of Mr. White and his brother, Milton G. White, and his sister, Louise. Mr. White is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens, and in May, 1946 was elected mayor of Salisbury on the Democratic ticket. He will serve until 1950 on a four-year term. He is a member of the Salisbury Rotary Club, and belongs to St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

He married in Salisbury, October 16, 1923, Alice Elliott, the daughter of Daniel J. and Lottie (Vickers) Elliott, her father being a lumberman in Salisbury. Mr. and Mrs. White have two children: 1. Edward Riall White, III, born July 12, 1924, a graduate of Lehigh University, who is now associated with the Baltimore Gas & Electric Company in Baltimore. He married Elizabeth Neal of Hurlock. 2. Elliott M. White, born February 11, 1932, and died August 9, 1948, at the University Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland.

**BENJAMIN DONALD SINGER**, who in 1940 opened a modern ladies specialty shop in Cambridge, has successfully operated this business ever since. He has taken an active interest in community affairs and at present is serving his second term as president of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Singer was born on June 6, 1911, in Stamford, Connecticut, the son of Morris P. and Rebecca (Cypers) Singer, both of Ansonia, Connecticut. His family moved to Ansonia when he was very small and he grew up in that city, attending the Ansonia public schools. He then entered New York University, where he graduated in the class of 1933, with a Bachelor of Commercial Science degree, having specialized in business courses. Upon graduation he spent five years working for chain stores to gain experience among mercantile lines. He then went into business for himself in Grove City, Pennsylvania, for two years, from 1938 to 1940, but in the latter year he came to Cambridge and opened up his specialty shop for women, which he has conducted ever since.

Although a comparative newcomer on the Eastern Shore, Mr. Singer has rapidly identified himself with community enterprises. He is a member of the Cambridge Country Club and of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, serving in 1948 for the second time as president of the latter organization. Mr. Singer's favorite hobby is golf.

Benjamin Donald Singer married on May 29, 1935, Louise Fendig of Jacksonville, Florida. They have two children, Donald and Stuart.

**ROBERT DAVID GRIER**—One of Salisbury's prominent citizens was the late Robert David Grier, who in 1888 founded the machine works and iron and brass foundry known today as the R. D. Grier & Sons Company. Under his able management the concern grew and prospered, and today it is still operated by his sons and grandsons. Robert David Grier played a prominent part in the various Masonic bodies of Maryland and was Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of that State. A progressive



Republican, he ran for congress on the Bull Moose ticket with Theodore Roosevelt, and was always keenly interested in public affairs and quick to lend his support to any civic enterprise.

He was born in 1856, in Milford, Delaware, the son of George Smith Grier and Ann Smith Grier, the former born in Scotland, the latter in England. George Smith Grier's grandfather was a shipbuilder in Scotland. George Smith Grier was engaged in the foundry and machine business in Milford, Delaware, established in 1849.

Robert David Grier was educated in the elementary schools of Milford, Delaware and Milford High School. He learned the machine, brass and iron foundry business with his father in Milford. At that time, in addition to ordinary foundry work, his father was manufacturing corn shellers, plows and the like, and among other inventions, he invented a machine that evaporated fruit. This type machine was installed and operated in New York City by Robert David Grier, and was used for the purpose of evaporating meat for one of Admiral Perry's expeditions to the North Pole. Upon his entering the business the firm name became George S. Grier & Son. He remained with his father for some little time, gaining experience. Then in 1888, with his brother Fred A. Grier, he bought the machinery at the Milford, Delaware, plant from his father and started in business at Salisbury under the name of Grier Brothers. In 1904 he bought out his brother's interest, and in 1917, when his own sons became old enough, he incorporated and took them into the business with him, and the firm then became known as the R. D. Grier & Sons Company. It is still carried on under that name, and not only operates as an iron and brass foundry and machine works, but offers mechanical engineering service, and handles mill supplies and machinery, Diesel and gasoline power units, and motor truck equipment.

Robert David Grier played an active part in business and civic affairs in his community. He was one of the founders and vice president and a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Merchants Bank up to the time of his death in 1920. He was also one of the founders and president of the Arcade Building Corporation, and one of the founders and directors of the Salisbury Telephone Company. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Active in all the branches of Masonry, he was one of the best known Masons in the Eastern Shore, and was Past Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of the state of Maryland. He was a charter member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His interest in politics was keen, and although he was a lifelong Republican, he followed Theodore Roosevelt and lent him support when he broke away from the Republican standard to run for President on the Progressive ticket. During World War I Robert David Grier was a member of the local draft board.

He married, in 1886, at Milford, Delaware, Lydia Hall of Milford, who was born in 1858, and lived to the age of eighty-nine. She was the daughter of the late Alfred Kennedy and Alice (Mustard) Hall. Her father, who was known as Captain Hall, owned several sailing vessels and also a lumber yard in Milford. Robert David and Lydia (Hall) Grier were the parents of six children: Ralph H. Grier, deceased, (q.v.); Florence Grier, now deceased; Alexander Toadvin Grier (q.v.); Robert D. Grier, Jr., who died in infancy; another Robert D. Grier, Jr., who is now

secretary of the R. D. Grier & Sons Company and employed by The Martin & Swartz Company; and Lydia Grier Phillips. Robert David Grier died in 1920 at the age of sixty-four.

**RALPH HALL GRIER**—The late Ralph Hall Grier, former president and manager of the R. D. Grier & Sons Company of Salisbury, which operates an iron and brass foundry and machine works, was one of Salisbury's outstanding citizens, playing a very active part in all community affairs.

He was born in Milford, Delaware, on February 13, 1887, the son of Robert David and Lydia (Hall) Grier, both born in Milford, Delaware, and died in Salisbury, Maryland, the former June 15, 1920, and the latter May 27, 1948. The late Robert David Grier (q.v.) was the founder of R. D. Grier and Sons Company.

Ralph Hall Grier attended the Salisbury elementary schools and Wicomico High School, and was a pupil for a time at Friends School in Wilmington, Delaware. He then took a commercial course at the Salisbury Business College. After completing his schooling he became associated with his father in the iron and brass foundry and machine works which had been established in Salisbury by his father in 1888. The business has developed to a point where the firm supplies mechanical engineering service and handles mill supplies and machinery, Diesel and gasoline power units and motor truck equipment, and it also operates automobile tire stores in both Salisbury and Milford, Delaware, and is among the oldest distributors of Goodyear tires in the country. Associated with Ralph Hall Grier in the business were not only his brother, Alexander Toadvin Grier (q.v.), but his two sons, Ralph Hall Grier, Jr., and Todd Grier.

He was married at Salisbury, on April 4, 1908, to Margaret Todd, a native of Salisbury and the daughter of the late Henry Stevenson and Agnes (Phelps) Todd, the former, a wholesale tobacco merchant. Margaret (Todd) Grier died on April 30, 1946. Ralph Hall and Margaret (Todd) Grier had three children: 1. Margaret Todd Grier, born March 17, 1909, died April 6, 1921. 2. Ralph Hall Grier, Jr., born July 12, 1914, a graduate of Wicomico High School and Mercersburg Academy. He served in the antiaircraft division of the United States Army during World War II and is now vice president of the R. D. Grier & Sons Company and manager of the tire stores. He married, on February 1, 1947, Claire Booth of Salisbury, and they have one child, Margaret Claire, born March 3, 1948. 3. Todd Grier, born November 17, 1917, a graduate of Wicomico High School and of the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania. During World War II he was a United States Navy pilot in the Pacific Theater of Operations, and is now treasurer of the R. D. Grier & Sons Company. He married, on October 29, 1948, Joann Disharoon of Salisbury.

Ralph Hall Grier was a director of the Eastern Shore Building & Loan Association, and a director and also treasurer of Chesapeake Air Ways. He was chairman of the board of the Eastern Shore State Hospital, and a director of Peninsula General Hospital, also a director and past president of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce and treasurer of the board of trustees of the Salisbury Award. During World War II he was chairman of the local draft board. He was past president of the Salisbury Rotary Club. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Ancient Free



*Paul H. Geier*





and Accepted Masons in all branches and a trustee of the Salisbury Masonic Temple.

He was an active member of the Wicomico Presbyterian Church, where he served on the board of trustees. He was a member of the advisory board of the Salvation Army of Salisbury, at one time being chairman of the board, and also a member of the executive committee of the Wicomico County War Memorial Commission. He was a director of the Arcade Building Corporation and chairman of the Salisbury Planning Commission. In April, 1948, he received the Chamber of Commerce Award for outstanding service to the city of Salisbury.

**ALEXANDER TOADVIN GRIER** is president and general manager of the R. D. Grier & Sons Company of Salisbury. Active in both World Wars and holding the rank of lieutenant colonel when he was separated from the United States Army Air Force on February 15, 1946, he plays a prominent role in veterans' organizations of the Eastern Shore and the state of Maryland. He is chairman of the army advisory committee, a member of the Reserve Officers Association, and also a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve. Alexander Toadvin Grier was named for A. G. Toadvin, first mayor of Salisbury, Maryland.

He was born October 31, 1891, the son of Robert David and Lydia (Hall) Grier, both deceased. Robert David Grier was the founder of R. D. Grier & Sons Company of Salisbury, which he started in 1888 as an iron and brass foundry and machine works.

Alexander Toadvin Grier attended the Salisbury elementary schools and Salisbury High School, after which he took business training in Salisbury and also at the Beacom Business College of Wilmington, Delaware. After completing his education he became associated with his father in the family business, in 1912, and has been connected with this business ever since, at the present time as president and general manager.

Alexander Toadvin Grier has a brilliant record of service in both World wars. He enlisted in the National Guard as early as 1913 and was commissioned second lieutenant in April, 1915. He served on the Mexican border under General Pershing in 1916, with the 1st Infantry Maryland National Guard and 3rd Regulars of the United States Army. The National Guard was called to the colors in 1917 and was sent to Anniston, Alabama, where Mr. Grier reported as second lieutenant in the 1st Infantry of the Maryland National Guard on July 25, 1917. This unit later became the 115th Infantry. He accepted appointment as second lieutenant in the Air Service of the United States Army Signal Corps in November, 1917, and was honorably discharged on January 10, 1919. He served with the 115th Infantry, 19th, 76th, and 488th aero squadrons, aerial gunnery school at Cazaux, France, in the 2nd Aviation Instruction Center; and with the French Escadrille C, 46th, also 1101st, 96th and 90th American aero squadrons, and saw action in the following engagements: Somme Defensive, Aisne, Montdidier, Noyon, Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, Somme offensive, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives and Defensive Sector Lorraine. In honor of his distinguished service he received the Silver Star citation, Victory Medal with nine battle clasps, and the French Croix de Guerre with palm and star.

During 1941 and 1942, Mr. Grier was chairman of the City and County Airport Committee, and secured the co-operation of the Federal Government in build-

ing the airport now being used by this community. He was also chairman of the City and County Civilian National Defense Committee and was active in organizing the aerial spotting stations before and during the early stages of the war.

Mr. Grier volunteered for service in World War II on October 20, 1942, and was commissioned a captain; he reported to the 3rd Corps Area at Baltimore, and prior to transfer for overseas duty was assigned to the 2nd Air Force as operations and training staff officer through various installations of the command. He was subsequently assigned to overseas duty with the 14th Air Force in China at one of the largest air bases constructed for B-29's, and there assigned duties as traffic coordination or traffic control officer. He supervised maintenance and personnel, to service aircraft transporting supplies over the famous "Hump" route, a most vital service, and determined the most effective utilization of air equipment to meet the demands for the movement of supplies. Later he was assigned to the post of deputy base commander and then air base commander of the Hsinching Air Base A-1 of the United States Army, in Hsinching, China. At the date of his separation from the Army on February 15, 1946, he had attained the rank of lieutenant colonel. He holds the Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon with four battle stars, the American Theater ribbon with star and the World War II Victory Medal.

As is natural for one with his record of outstanding service in aviation during the two World Wars, Alexander Toadvin Grier has always taken a keen interest in the progress of aviation, and has been a leading member of veterans' organizations of his community and state. He is a charter member of Wicomico Post, Number 64, Past National Executive Committeeman, and is chairman of the aeronautics committee of the American Legion Department of Maryland. He is a charter member of Voiture Local, Number 122, of the "40 and 8." He serves as chairman of the army advisory committee, member of the Reserve Officers Association, lieutenant colonel United States Army Air Force Reserve, and commanding officer of the 9510 Volunteer Air Reserve Training Squadron of the 9th Air Force. Mr. Grier is also vice chairman of the advisory board of the Automobile Club of Maryland. In addition to his business responsibilities in the business of R. D. Grier & Sons Company, which he serves as president and general manager, he is also vice president and secretary of the Arcade Building Corporation. A Republican in his politics, he made a good showing as a candidate for the office of state controller in 1946. He is a member of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he holds the Thirty-second Degree. He is a Past Commander of Thomas J. Shryock Commandery Number 11, Knights Templar, and a member of Salisbury Lodge, Number 817, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Wicomico Presbyterian Church.

Alexander Toadvin Grier married on October 19, 1921, Ella W. McLain, the daughter of Larner T. and James Anna (Leatherbury) McLain (both deceased) of White Haven, Maryland, the former a representative of the Standard Oil Company in Wicomico County. Mr. and Mrs. Grier are the parents of two children born in Salisbury, Maryland: Elisabeth McLain, who married Walter J. Runyon, Jr., a former Seabee and now a road contractor in Jackson, Mississippi and has a daughter, Evelyn Grier Runyon, born June 30, 1946; and David Alexander, a student at Washington and Lee University.

**WALTER K. RICE**, who came to the Eastern Shore in 1945, has purchased a baking company in Crisfield, which he operates under the name of the Star Baking Company. He has already made a place for himself in the community and is not only a member of the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce but currently serving as its president.

Mr. Rice was born in Middleport, Ohio, on May 30, 1904, the son of Albert H. and Evelyn (Koontz) Rice, the former a native of Kentucky, the latter of St. Albans, West Virginia. Albert H. Rice has been engaged in railroading and farming. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Walter K. Rice received his education in the public schools of Detroit, Michigan. For two years he was employed in the mercantile business of R. Trothan in Detroit. Then he made his first contact with the baking business by spending a year as a salesman with the Ward Baking Company in Detroit. In 1925 he accepted a position as salesman with the Continental Baking Company, and remained with this organization in one capacity or another for the next twenty years. His first promotion was from salesman to local sales supervisor, from which he was promoted to regional sales supervisor. His next position was assistant sales manager of the bakery in Detroit. He held this position until 1929 when he was made sales manager of the Wonder Bakery in Columbus, Ohio. A year later he was promoted to regional sales supervisor. From this position he was appointed manager of the Certified Baking Company at Dayton, Ohio, holding this office from 1931 to 1934. Then for the next two years he served as regional sales manager of the Michigan-Ohio Region, of the Continental Baking Company. From 1936 to 1945 he managed the Wonder Bakery at Toledo, Ohio. In 1945 he purchased the Tawes Baking Company at Crisfield, which he operates under the name of the Star Baking Company. Mr. Rice is sole owner of this concern, which makes bread, cakes, and pies and employs a force of sixty-five persons, keeping eleven trucks busy with delivery. Mr. Rice is a member of the American Bakers Association, the Rotary Club and the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce. He has affiliated himself with the Asbury Methodist Church, and is a member of the board. His fraternal ties are with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in politics he allies himself with the Republican party.

Mr. Rice was married, in Detroit on January 5, 1927, to Doris M. Hatton, born in London, England, the daughter of Albert and Clara Hatton, both natives of England. Mr. and Mrs. Rice are the parents of three children: Kenneth A., born in Detroit, David W., born in Dayton, Ohio, and Clara R., born in Toledo, Ohio.

**HARRY BUSHEY WRIGHT, SR.**—As president of the H. B. Wright & Son canning business of Preston and vice president of the Provident State Bank, Harry Bushey Wright, Sr., plays a prominent part in the business life of his community. He is a leading member of the Bethesda Methodist Church, and is one of the best-known members of the Masonic order on the Eastern Shore.

He was born July 3, 1886, at Choptank, in Caroline County, the son of Walter M. and Jennie H. (Pritchett) Wright, both now deceased. His father, who was born in Choptank, was in the canning business there and in Preston, and took an active part in the affairs of the community. He served as president of the school board.

Harry Bushey Wright, Sr., attended the local public school and the Wilmington Conference Academy at Dover, from which he graduated in 1905. He then took a course at the Bryant & Stratton Business College. After finishing school he went into the canning business with his father, who had established it in 1884 at Choptank and Windy Hill. About 1923 a plant was purchased in Preston and operated as the Choptank Canning Company. Later, in 1934, the firm name was changed to H. B. Wright Company, and still later, in 1942, it became H. B. Wright & Son. The firm cans string beans and tomatoes under the name of "Pride of Talbot." Mr. Wright is an active member of the Tri-State Canners Association. He is vice president and acting president of the Provident State Bank. In the Bethesda Methodist Church he serves as president of the official board, and he is a district trustee of the Eastern District of the Methodist Church. He is a Republican.

Fraternally Mr. Wright is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and he was formerly a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He has been very active in the Masonic order and is well known in Masonic circles throughout the state and nation. He is a Past Master of Preston Lodge, No. 207, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and a past president of the Past Masters Association of Caroline and Dorchester Counties. Mr. Wright is also Past High Priest of Talbot Chapter, No. 22, Royal Arch Masons and Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Jesuit Council; he is Past Commander of Chesapeake Commandery, Knights Templar; and is affiliated with the Chesapeake Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Baltimore. In addition he is Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland. For a number of years he has been Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and in 1935 he was elected to the important post of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, serving for three years. Mr. Wright's favorite leisure-time activity is his Masonic work, but he also is fond of baseball and golf.

He married on March 28, 1911, Addie Noble Jarrell of Goldsborough, the daughter of Robert, Sr., and Addie (Noble) Jarrell. Mrs. Wright died on March 27, 1946. To this union was born one son, Harry Bushey Wright, Jr., a sketch of whom follows.

**HARRY BUSHEY WRIGHT, JR.**—The canning business, as is well known, is one of the Eastern Shore's most prominent industries. The growth of this activity, in this particular place, was inevitable. In the midst of an area ideally suited to the raising of truck produce, conveniently situated in relation to the fisheries, close to the lines of transportation both by sea and by railway, the Eastern Shore has continued to grow in importance as a source of the nation's foodstuffs. Harry B. Wright, Jr., an enterprising young man, saw that these potentialities had by no means been overexploited. Entering the business of producing processed foods, in partnership with his father, a concern has been established which through foresight and able management, has grown to considerable proportions, and whose place among the industries of the Eastern Shore is secure.

Mr. Wright's father, Harry B. Wright, Sr., is a native of Choptank, and has long been interested in the canning industry and cognizant of its possibilities. He married Addie N. Jarrell of Goldsborough, who died March 27, 1946. Their son, Harry B. Wright,



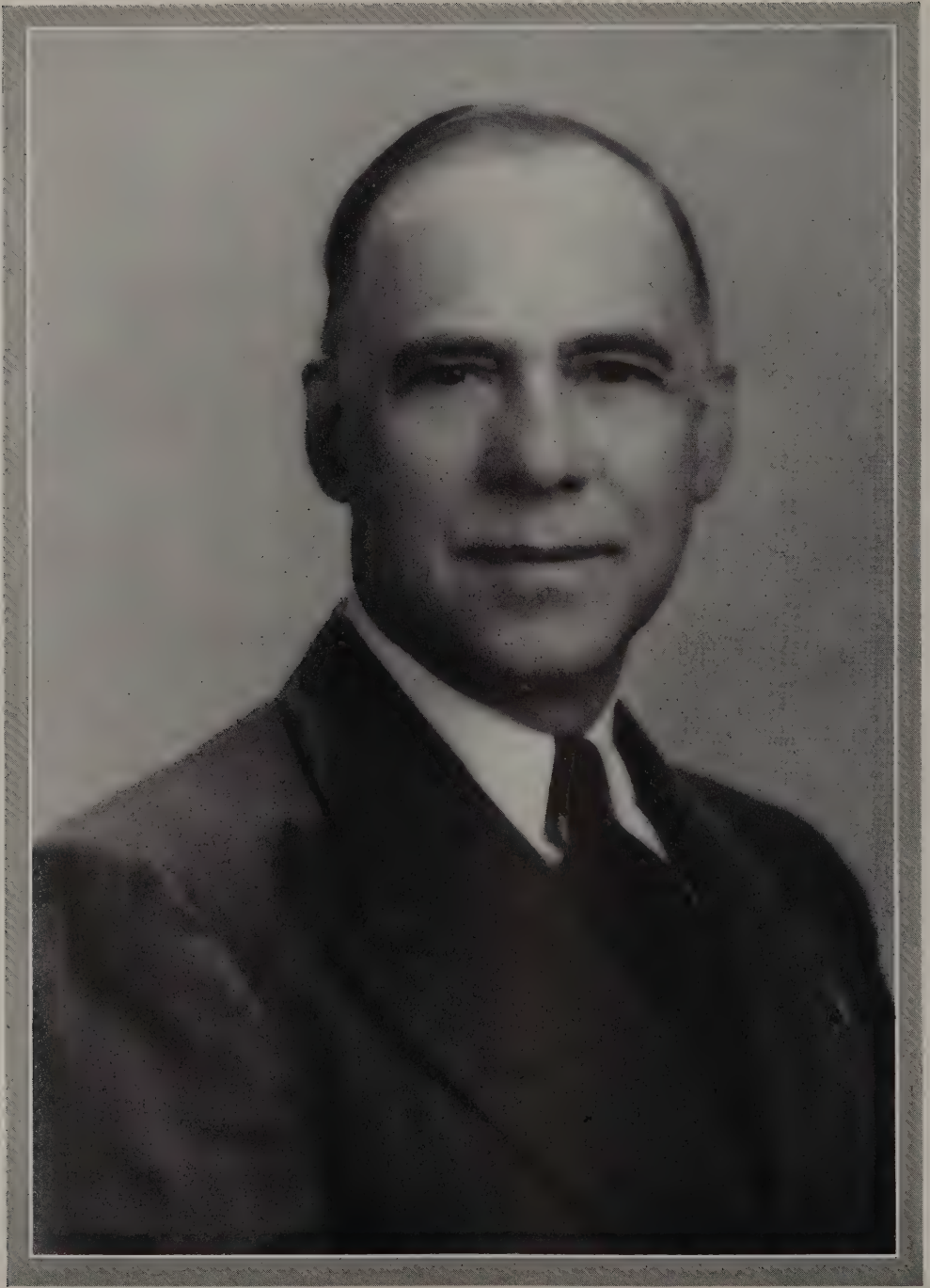


*W. H. Rice.*









*Hanson George M.D.*



Jr., subject of this sketch, was born in Choptank on January 3, 1915. He attended the public schools and the high school in Preston, continuing his education at Duke University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1935.

Mr. Wright's first employment was with the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company at Seaford, and began in 1935. It continued until 1941, during which period Mr. Wright gained invaluable business experience. It was in 1941 that he and his father established their canning business, under the firm name of H. B. Wright and Son. Their general line of products is processed foods, and all types of vegetables are prepared for marketing throughout the United States. Their products' trade name, recognized and sought for by buyers throughout the country, is "Pride of Talbot." One hundred and seventy-five persons are regularly listed on their payrolls, and find congenial employment in their modern food-processing plant.

Mr. Wright also operates a ninety-acre farm on which truck produce is raised. Still another of his business interests is a trucking concern which he has established in partnership with Lee H. Price and which now operates under the name of Wright and Price. These varied efforts have brought Harry B. Wright, Jr., to public attention as being one of the most promising young business men of the Eastern Shore.

Mr. Wright is a Mason, a past master of the Preston Lodge No. 207, Free and Accepted Masons, president for 1948 of the Dorchester-Caroline Counties Past Masters Association, and affiliated with the Denton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. His clubs are the Miles River Yacht and the Belmont Golf. Flying is Mr. Wright's chief hobby. He owns a plane, and holds a private pilot's license. In addition to aviation, he is enthusiastic about sports in general. Politically, he is a Republican, and he and his family worship at the Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church.

On March 24, 1947, Harry Bushey Wright, Jr., married Helen Saulsbury, of Talbot County. Mr. Wright has a son by a previous marriage: Harry Bushey, III, born October 8, 1938.

**DAWSON ORME GEORGE, M.D.**—Since 1912 Dr. Dawson Orme George has been practicing medicine in his native town of Denton, and he is very active in community affairs. Dr. George served on the local medical examining board in both World War I and World War II, has been county health officer, and is now deputy medical examiner of Caroline County.

He was born in Denton, January 25, 1886, the son of Dr. Enoch and Eva (Horsey) George, both natives of Caroline County and both now deceased. Dr. Enoch George was a country doctor of Caroline County, where he engaged in medical practice for many years. He was the son of Enoch George, M.D., and grandson of Bishop Enoch George.

Dawson Orme George attended the local public schools, graduating from Caroline High School in Denton. He then studied for two years at Washington College and for one year at Dickinson College, in Pennsylvania, after which he took his medical training at the University of Maryland. There he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1912. While still in the Medical School of the University he served as intern for a year at the University of Maryland Hospital. In June, 1912, he returned to Denton and began a general practice of medicine which he has continued up to the present time. Dr. George is a mem-

ber of the medical staff of Easton Memorial Hospital of Talbot County, and is a member of the Caroline County, Maryland State, and American medical associations. He has been county health officer and is now deputy medical examiner of his county. During both World Wars he served on the medical examining boards, and now serves as a medical adviser to the Caroline County Draft Board. He is a director of the Denton National Bank, of which his grandfather, William G. Horsey, was one of the organizers, and served as vice president. In his political affiliation Dr. George is a Democrat, and his religious ties are with the Episcopal Church, in which he has served as vestryman. He is a member of the Denton Rotary Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He was identified with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics as long as it was in existence locally. Dr. George's favorite leisure-time occupation is reading.

On November 14, 1914, he married Elizabeth G. Gary of Denton, the daughter of Edward M. and Laura (Saulsbury) Gary. Dr. and Mrs. George have one son, Dawson Orme George, born October 7, 1918. After graduating from the local schools he attended Woodbury Forest School for two years and then entered the University of Virginia, where he studied for two years. During World War II he entered the United States Army Air Corps Intelligence Service, where he served with the rank of captain. He is now associated with the Texas Oil Company in Houston, Texas. He married Anne Barrett, and they have a son, Dawson Orme, III, and a daughter, Claudia Barrett, born April 1, 1949.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SHERMAN**—For almost a quarter of a century Benjamin Franklin Sherman, or B. Frank Sherman as he prefers to call himself, has been general manager of the Claibourne-Annapolis Ferry. Mr. Sherman is well liked and very active in local affairs in and around Claibourne. He was born at Cabin Creek in Dorchester County, on August 27, 1892, the son of George Franklin and Ida (Gambrel) Sherman, both natives of Dorchester County and both now deceased.

B. Frank Sherman was educated in the public schools of Cambridge, and his first employment was in the real estate and insurance business in Cambridge with Howard Sherman. Then for a time he was with the Bethlehem Steel Company at Sparrow Point. He enlisted for service in World War I in the old Maryland National Guard, 115th Regiment, and served through the war with that group as a sergeant in the Quartermaster's department. After returning to civilian life he became a ticket agent for the Claibourne-Annapolis Ferry. He held this post for two years, then served as assistant purser for one year. He became assistant general manager in 1924 and later that year was made general manager. This office he has filled ever since. Mr. Sherman is chairman of the board of directors of the Annapolis Bank & Trust Company and a director of St. Michaels Bank and of Easton Publishing Company of Easton. He is a member of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club and past commodore of the Miles River Yacht Club, and has served as president of the Chesapeake Fishing Association. Fraternally Mr. Sherman is affiliated with Granite Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons at St. Michaels, Talbot Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Easton, Easton Commandery of the Knights Templar, Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and with the Royal

Order of Jesters. He is a member of the American Legion, an Episcopalian, and a Democrat. Mr. Sherman's favorite hobby is planting trees, particularly nut and fruit trees.

He married on October 20, 1920, Ethel Harrison of Cambridge, the daughter of Alfred and Anna (Coburn) Harrison, the former of Cambridge and the latter a native of Milford, Delaware. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman have two children: 1. Margaret Ann, a graduate of Claibourne High School, of the University of Maryland and of Washington School for Secretaries. She married Beverly Bryan, and they have one child, Christopher Franklin. 2. Barbara Lee, a graduate of Claibourne High School and of the University of Maryland.

**JOHN WESLEY SEWELL**, farm manager for Miss Mabel F. Gillespie and manager of her estate at Sherwood, which is one of the most beautiful on the entire Eastern Shore of Maryland, was born at Sherwood, Talbot County, on April 23, 1907, the son of S. James and Elizabeth (Laird) Sewell, the former a native of Sherwood and the latter, now deceased, a native of Somerset County. Mr. Sewell's father is a farmer and now operates a farm in the Trappe district.

John Wesley Sewell attended the local elementary school and St. Michaels High School. Brought up on a Talbot County farm, he farmed with his parents until he was eighteen years old. Since 1930 he has been farm manager for Miss Mabel F. Gillespie of Sherwood, and has charge of about two hundred and twenty-five acres of which one hundred and seventy-seven are tillable. He raises wheat, corn, barley and runs a modern poultry farm, in addition to overseeing the entire estate, which is one of the show places of Talbot County. Mr. Sewell is a member of the Talbot County Farm Bureau and of the Bay Hundred Lions Club. He belongs to the Sherwood Methodist Church, and his political affiliations are with the Democratic party. His only real hobby is farming, in which he takes an enthusiastic interest, keeping up with all the new developments in this field.

John Wesley Sewell married on July 16, 1932, Laura E. Lednum of Tilghman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lednum.

**RICHARD CHRISTY**, who is associated with his father in the sea food business at Crisfield is the third generation of the family to enter the firm of George A. Christy Company. He is now a partner and vice president of this concern and also of Christy's Marine Railway, a local shipbuilding business of which his father is president.

He was born in Crisfield, February 2, 1914, the son of Clarence A. (q.v.) and Olive R. (Sterling) Christy. Richard Christy attended the Crisfield elementary schools and high schools, then became associated with his father in the George A. Christy Company, packers and shippers of sea food and also in the management of Christy's Marine Railway, which builds and repairs fishing vessels. During World War II Richard Christy entered the United States Navy as boatswain's mate, first class, and saw service in the Pacific at Saipan, Tinian, Guam, and Okinawa, being associated with the 301st Construction Battalion of the United States Navy Seabees. Mr. Christy is a member of the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is an independent voter po-

litically, and is a member of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church.

He married at Crisfield on December 24, 1934, Elva Nelson, born in Crisfield February 8, 1916, the daughter of Vernon and Marie Nelson, both natives of Crisfield. Mr. and Mrs. Christy are the parents of two children: 1. Dianne, born in Crisfield January 8, 1941. 2. Richard Wayne, born in Crisfield October 6, 1947.

**WALTER HUMPHREY FARLOW**—The poultry industry is one of the most vital aspects of Eastern Shore agriculture, and a leader in this field in Wicomico County is Walter Humphrey Farlow, of Pittsville, who operates hatcheries under his own name, which have a production capacity of two and one half million chicks per year. His prominence in Eastern Shore commercial life has brought Mr. Farlow to the fore in other fields of activity: the Farm Bureau, banking activities, and political life. He has served as commissioner of his county.

Mr. Farlow was born north of Pittsville, where he now resides, on June 29, 1891, and is a son of Theodore Humphrey and Annie E. (Jarman) Farlow. His father was born in Wicomico County, April 7, 1854, and died in January, 1938, having followed the occupation of farmer throughout his life. Situating on Wicomico County acreage, Theodore Farlow became one of the largest strawberry growers of the Eastern Shore. He was a Democrat in his politics. His wife, the former Annie E. Jarman, was likewise a native of Wicomico County, born May 1, 1859, and died in January, 1941.

Walter Humphrey Farlow attended the Farlow Public School near Pittsville, and during his early years worked on the Wicomico County farm in association with his father. He remained there until 1920, when he entered the hatchery business in his own right at another location. His active interest in the poultry business, however, dated from 1913, when he began in a small way, having only a one hundred and fifty egg capacity. In 1918 he assumed management of a general store at Pittsville, continuing in its operation until 1920.

In that year he re-entered the poultry business, and his volume of production has grown from year to year. Now operating two hatcheries, he has achieved a production figure of two and one half million chicks annually. The original establishment, under the name of Farlow's Hatchery, is located at Pittsville, and employs six persons. The other, called the Eglantine Farm and Hatchery, is situated at Greensboro, Maryland. At both locations broilers are raised, and the hatcheries contract for the raising of these fowls to the number of seven hundred and fifty thousand per year. In connection with his operations, Mr. Farlow owns and operates one hundred and thirty-five acres of land.

Active in agricultural affairs of his home locality, Mr. Farlow is a director of the Kent and Sussex Fair, at Harrington, Delaware. He is a past director of the Farm Bureau, and also past director of the New Salisbury Production Credit Association. Popular with the electorate of his county, and respected in the councils of the Democratic party, Mr. Farlow served as county commissioner of Wicomico County from 1934 to 1938. He is a member of the Tri-County Poultry Association and the Tri-County Sportsmen's Club.

His full-time avocational interest is horses, as it has been for many years. He enjoys breeding and training both pacers and trotters, and has had in competition such noted veterans of the turf as Lord Clinton (2.074) and Real American (2.07¾), who as a two-







*M. Ruth Farlow*

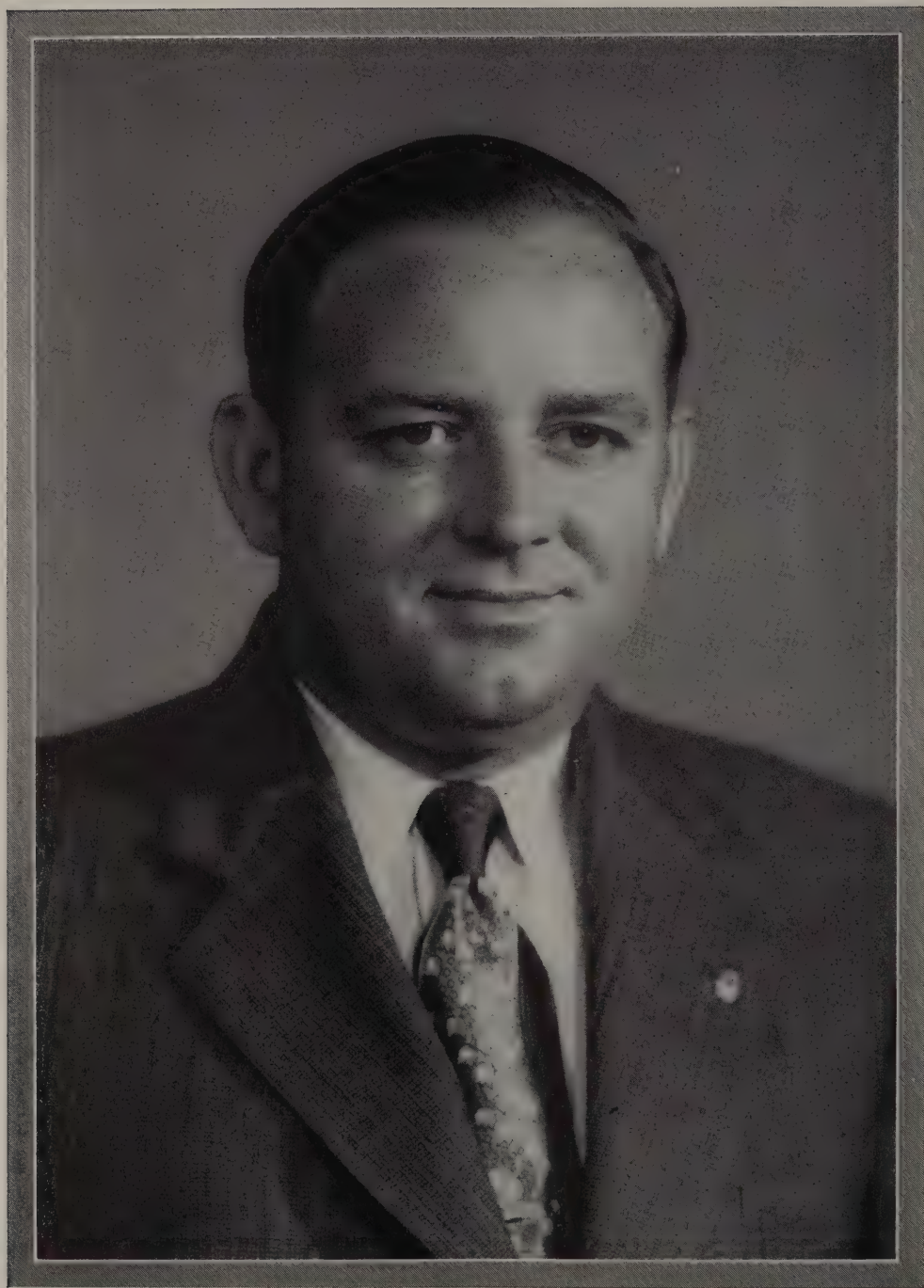


*Walter H. Garlow*









*Essel T. Farlow*



*Doris Jones Farlow*









*Paul W. Farlow*



year-old still holds the track record at Kent and Sussex Fair. Mr. Farlow now has in training three more horses, one a two-year-old by Billy Direct, who held the world track record for pacers of 1.55. Both of Mr. Farlow's sons are associated with him in his interests, an association which has continued since their school days.

Mr. Farlow is a communicant of the Ayres Methodist Episcopal Church at Pittsville.

On December 10, 1912, at Pittsville, Walter Humphrey Farlow married N. Ruth Farlow of Pittsville. She was born in Ocean City, August 19, 1892, daughter of Thomas and Katherine (Truitt) Farlow, both natives of Wicomico County. To Mr. and Mrs. Farlow have been born two children: 1. Essel T., born in Pittsville, April 15, 1915. He attended Pittsville schools, and took postgraduate courses in business and accounting at Wicomico High School. He married Doris Jones, near Salisbury, on August 29, 1935. She was a native of Pittsville, born January 29, 1915, and a daughter of Samuel and Mamie Jones. They are the parents of one son, Essel T., Jr., who was born in Pittsville, December 10, 1942. 2. Otis Walter, born in Pittsville, November 2, 1928. He attended the Pittsville public schools, graduated from high school in the class of 1945, and entered Beacom Business College in Wilmington, Delaware. There he received the accounting and finance degree, graduating in 1947.

**ELMER FRANCIS RUARK** has played a leading role in the affairs of Salisbury, and his activities have been as varied as his work has been effective. Associated for some years with the Salisbury Post Office, he is now its finance clerk, and is executive secretary of the local board of United States Civil Service Examiners. He is also past commander of his post of the American Legion, and secretary of the local selective service board. Citizens of Salisbury have found in Mr. Ruark a conscientious and capable official in whom they can place confidence.

Mr. Ruark was born in Nutters District of Wicomico County, near Salisbury, October 3, 1905. He is a son of Lee and Jane (Lowe) Ruark; and his father, a farmer, also discharged responsible positions for his community, serving as a trustee of the local school for many years.

Elmer F. Ruark received his education through the secondary grades in the public schools of Wicomico County, after which he entered Paynter's Business College in Salisbury. He had been born and reared on a farm, which he continued to operate until 1943, filling certain other civic positions concurrently. Since May, 1930 Mr. Ruark has been associated with the Salisbury Post Office, filling various positions, his present status being that of finance clerk. In September, 1948, he was appointed a member of the selective service board of his community, and served as secretary of that body. He is also executive secretary of the local board of United States Civil Service Examiners. Although a Democrat loyal to the tenets of his party, he has never sought elective office.

During World War II, Elmer F. Ruark served in the Army of the United States from September, 1942, to September, 1945. He remained in the United States throughout his period of service, during most of which time he was attached to Company D, 6th Training Regiment, Fort McClellan, Alabama. He was discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Mr. Ruark is a Thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of Wicomico Lodge No.

91, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Salisbury Lodge of Perfection and Rose Croix, and the Chesapeake Consistory. He is Expert of the Salisbury Lodge of Perfection. Locally, he is a member of the Wicomico County Council of Parents and Teachers Associations, and is a charter member and past president of the Wicomico County Historical Society. He also belongs to the Maryland Historical Society. Mr. Ruark is past commander of Wicomico Post No. 64, American Legion. Another affiliation, as a veteran, is with the Eastern Shore Voiture, Forty and Eight. He is a member of the Wicomico County War Memorial Recreation Commission, and of the Kiwanis Club of Salisbury, of which he is a past president.

A communicant of the Allen Memorial Baptist Church of Salisbury, Mr. Ruark serves that congregation as a member of the board of deacons, and teacher of the men's Bible class. His interest in history, as indicated by certain of the above memberships, has served the interests of his church, and he has written a number of historical articles for Baptist periodicals, as well as general historical stories for other magazines.

In Salisbury, July 30, 1943, Elmer Francis Ruark married Aline Virginia Adkins, daughter of Arthur C. and Nettie B. Adkins. Mr. and Mrs. Ruark have a son, Richard Francis, born April 6, 1944.

**J. PAUL SLAYBAUGH, A.M., LL.D.**—As headmaster of West Nottingham Academy, Colora, Maryland, J. Paul Slaybaugh has rendered invaluable service to the cause of education on the Eastern Shore for over a quarter of a century.

Dr. Slaybaugh is a Pennsylvanian by birth, a native of Mont Alto. He is a son of John N. and Annie M. (Parker) Slaybaugh, his father being a teacher in the public schools in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. It was in this school system that Dr. Slaybaugh received his early education; and he was granted the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Dickinson College in 1921. In 1933 he received his master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania; and the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him by Waynesburg College in 1942.

His first teaching appointment was in the public schools of Pennsylvania, where he taught from 1914 to 1916. He was principal of schools of Rouzerville, Pennsylvania, during 1917-1918; and in 1921 he became instructor of mathematics at Mercersburg Academy, remaining on its faculty until 1924. Since that time Dr. Slaybaugh has been headmaster of West Nottingham Academy at Colora; although he served until 1925 as president of the school board of Mont Alto, Pennsylvania, of which he had for some time been a member. As headmaster of West Nottingham, Dr. Slaybaugh heads an old school of sound educational traditions, founded in 1741. A school for boys in the secondary grades, it is under the direction of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. It offers college preparatory courses from the fifth grade on, and conducts a summer school and camp.

Dr. Slaybaugh saw military service during World War I, when he was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry at Plattsburg, New York, in September, 1918. He became personnel officer of the Student Army Training Corps at the University of Pennsylvania from October, 1918, to January, 1919. In Sep-

tember, 1942, Dr. Slaybaugh was commissioned a captain in the organized militia of Maryland.

He is a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science; of Alpha Chi Rho and Phi Delta Kappa fraternities; and, among educators' associations, belongs to the Head Masters' Club, Philadelphia district, of which he was president in 1946; the Private School Association of Baltimore; and the National Association of Bible Instructors. Locally, Dr. Slaybaugh is president of the Historical Society of Cecil County, president of the Rotary Club of Elkton for 1948-1949; and past president of the Lions Club of Rising Sun, Maryland. Since 1935, he has been a member of the Maryland Committee of the Middle States Association on Accrediting; and became a member of the Maryland Committee on Co-operative Study of Secondary School Standards in 1938. Dr. Slaybaugh is a member of the University Club of Philadelphia; and is a Mason, holding membership in the Consistory and the temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

At St. Clairsville, Ohio, on September 4, 1924, Dr. J. Paul Slaybaugh married Gertrude Lynch, who is an alumna of Wilson College where she received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1921. Mrs. Slaybaugh is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Lynch. Dr. and Mrs. Slaybaugh are the parents of a daughter, Eleanor Jane.

**ERNEST MORRIS THOMPSON and DOROTHY EILEEN (HOLDEN) THOMPSON** of Easton are not only husband and wife but also law partners—a team formidable in the courtroom and exceptionally effective in the civic and social life of Talbot County and the Eastern Shore in general. Mr. Thompson, a veteran of World War II and still an officer in the United States Naval Reserve, is a leader in the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Talbot County as well as in the bar, while Mrs. Thompson is also active in health and welfare programs and in national and state-wide women's professional organizations in addition to holding office in the Talbot County Bar Association.

Mr. Thompson was born on the Eastern Shore—at Oxford, Maryland—on September 8, 1921, while Mrs. Thompson—born Dorothy Eileen Holden—is a native of Baltimore. Mr. Thompson is the son of John L. and Gertrude (Morris) Thompson, the latter a native of Delaware, the former of Maryland. Mrs. Thompson's parents are Robert Brodie and Anna (Kamtman) Holden, both also natives of Baltimore.

Mr. Thompson received his early education at Oxford, Maryland, and then went on to the Salisbury State Teachers College and the University of Maryland. From the university's School of Law he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1943, and in the same year was admitted to the State Bar of Maryland. While still at college Mr. Thompson had enlisted in the United States Navy for World War II service and had become a V-7 student on February 2, 1942. Upon obtaining his degree he was assigned to active service and ordered to duty aboard the U.S.S. "Mizar" as navigator. He served in the Pacific Theater of Operations for two years and before being separated from the active service attained the rank of lieutenant junior grade. He retains this rank in the United States Naval Reserve. Mr. Thompson went into inactive status in January, 1946.

A civilian again, he began the practice of law in Baltimore, where he remained for a year. Since May,

1947, he and his wife have been in practice at Easton, and their clientele is now drawn from all sections of the Eastern Shore and other parts of Maryland.

Mrs. Thompson—then still Miss Holden, of course—is a graduate of Baltimore's city schools. She attended Johns Hopkins University for two years and prepared for the bar at the University of Maryland, being graduated with honor from the latter in 1943, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. She was a member of the same class as her future husband.

On November 24, 1943, they were married in Baltimore.

And in the same year both were admitted to the Maryland State Bar. When Mr. Thompson went into the naval service, Mrs. Thompson moved to Wilmington, Delaware, where she spent a year with a public utility holding company as an attorney, and, subsequently, was an associate attorney with the Baltimore law firm of Miles, Walsh, O'Brien & Morris and also was employed for a short while by the San Francisco law firm of Broebeck, Phleger & Harrison. Finally she served as law clerk to Hon. Morris A. Soper, Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

In May, 1947, the two Thompsons left Baltimore and settled in Easton, forming a legal partnership as an extension to their marital. Their firm is known as Thompson and Thompson and is steadily becoming one of the more successful firms on the Eastern Shore.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are members of the Talbot County and the Maryland State bar associations. Mr. Thompson is also a member of the American Bar Association, while Mrs. Thompson is additionally affiliated with the National Association of Women Lawyers and the Women's Bar Association of Baltimore. She is secretary-treasurer of the Talbot Bar Association. Mrs. Thompson is also a member of the board of directors of the Talbot County Chapter, American Red Cross, a member of the Junior Auxiliary of Memorial Hospital and vice president of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Easton. When she was at the University of Maryland School of Law, she was chairman of the student editorial board of the Maryland Law Review and continues today to maintain an active interest in writing; upon her graduation from Law School she was elected to the Maryland Chapter, Order of the Coif. Mr. Thompson is a past president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Talbot County. His favorite sports are hunting and fishing and both he and Mrs. Thompson also like tennis and bridge. Both are Democrats. Both worship at Calvary Methodist Church in Easton, where Mr. Thompson is a member of the official board and Mrs. Thompson teaches Sunday school.

**EDWIN WILSON BOOTH**, prominent Eastern Shore architect, is responsible for many of the important structures which give much of this territory its impressive, modern appearance. Hospitals, schools, residences, commercial buildings—all have come from his board and all have had their influence in developing his sound reputation. Mr. Booth's offices are in Salisbury.

In that city, Edwin Wilson Booth was born on February 25, 1896, the son of William E. and Cora Rebecca (Jones) Booth. His father, a prominent and respected contractor and builder, was also a native of Salisbury. The elder Mr. Booth died in January, 1930. Edwin's mother, the former Cora Rebecca Jones, was born July 28, 1874, and still resides in Salisbury.





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Mr. Booth joined his father in the contracting business, under the name of William E. Booth & Son, and was so associated until 1930. During this time and after his father's death, Mr. Booth continued his architectural work under his own name. He owned and developed the residential district in Salisbury known as "Clairmont Village," designing a majority of the many fine homes in this exclusive residential section.

After discontinuing the firm of William E. Booth & Son in 1930, Edwin Wilson Booth—under this firm name—became increasingly active in the architectural profession, designing many of the buildings for the University of Maryland at College Park, as well as this University's eastern branch, the Maryland State College at Princess Anne. Also to his credit are numerous school edifices, undertaken for the board of education in Wicomico, Dorchester and various other counties on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. One of the most outstanding projects coming from Mr. Booth's office is the Deer's Head State Hospital, located in Salisbury, the firm having been appointed for this project by the state of Maryland. The variety as well as the quality of his work is impressive. Schools, churches, commercial buildings, public libraries, laboratories—all have been designed and constructed throughout the state under his direction.

Mr. Booth is a member of the American Institute of Architects (Baltimore Chapter), and the American Legion, Wicomico Post No. 64. He is a veteran of World War I, serving with Company "T", 115th Infantry, 29th Division, and was seriously wounded in action on the Argonne sector in 1918. Mr. Booth is a member of the Episcopal Church of Salisbury.

At Salisbury, on October 14, 1920, Edwin Wilson Booth married Anna Bell Tilghman of that city, daughter of the late William B. and Annie E. (Bell) Tilghman. They are the parents of four children: William Tilghman, Nancy Claire, Richard Edwin, and Louise Tilghman. William Tilghman and Nancy Claire are married and living in Salisbury. The other two children live with their parents on South Clairmont Drive, Salisbury, Maryland.

**REV. WILLIAM McCLELLAND, D.D.**—Episcopal Bishop of Easton, Maryland, which church office he has held since 1939, the Rev. William McClelland, D.D., has had a long and rewarding experience in various rectorates in Pennsylvania and the Eastern Shore, and is discharging his present responsibility to his Church and his congregation with conscientiousness and marked ability. Dr. McClelland is a member of the board of the Evangelical Education Society.

A native of Philadelphia, Bishop McClelland was born January 22, 1883, and is a son of Alfred Lee and Marion Taylor (MacDongall) McClelland. He received his education at Harvard University, where he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1911; and he continued at the University of Pennsylvania, where he received the degree of Master of Arts in 1914. He was a student at Philadelphia Divinity School from 1911 to 1914; and in 1939 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by this institution.

Ordained in the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, William McClelland was first appointed curate of St. Matthew's Church in Francisville, Philadelphia, and he served that parish from 1914 to 1916. From 1916 to 1924, he was rector of St. Luke's Church at Bustleton, Philadelphia; and he served as rector of Dorchester Parish, Dorchester County, St. Stephen's Parish, East New Market, and St. Paul's Parish, Vienna, Maryland, from 1924 to 1939.

On June 2, 1939, Dr. William McClelland was appointed Bishop of Easton, which office in the church he has continued to hold to the present time. He is a member of the board of the Evangelical Education Society, and a trustee of the University of the South. Among Bishop McClelland's clubs are the Harvard, of New York City, and the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club of Easton. He is also a member of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

On June 16, 1914, Rev. William McClelland married E. Rozelle Connelly, and they are the parents of two sons, William and James Alfred.

**DAVID J. WARD**, who represented his district of Maryland in the Congress of the United States from 1941 to 1945, has devoted his career to various aspects of agriculture and industry; and has a breadth of background which proved itself in his well-formed viewpoints as congressional representative. He has also been a member of the Maryland State Senate, and has been active his life long in Democratic politics.

A native of Wicomico County, Mr. Ward was born September 17, 1871, and he received his education in the public schools of his native community. He early engaged in farming, and also took an interest in the mercantile and the lumber business, in which his qualifications brought him success, and shaped a career of further usefulness. He first entered public office in 1915, when he was elected to represent his district in the Maryland House of Delegates. He served until 1917. From 1918 until 1926, he was chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee of Wicomico County. He was a member of the Maryland State Senate from 1926 to 1934, and was re-elected in 1938 for a four-year term.

His term in the state legislative body was terminated abruptly, however, when, on June 6, 1939, he was elected to represent the First District of the State of Maryland in the Seventy-sixth Congress of the United States, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of T. Alan Goldsborough. This district comprises the counties of Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester. Re-elected to represent his constituents in the Seventy-seventh and Seventy-eighth Congresses, Mr. Ward retained his seat during the crucial wartime years of 1941 to 1945.

On November 22, 1897, David J. Ward married Edith Perdue, and they are the parents of six children. They make their home in Salisbury.

**WILBERT J. COULBOURN**—Since 1926 associated with the N. R. Coulbourn Company, Wilbert J. Coulbourn, of Crisfield, Maryland, has made valuable contributions toward the development of the sea food packing and distribution business in this community. A thorough business man and civic-minded citizen, he has gained a worthy reputation for his achievements in many phases of community life.

Mr. Coulbourn was born August 6, 1907, at Crisfield, son of William M. and Emma A. (Sterling) Coulbourn. His father, a prominent contractor, was born in Baltimore, and his mother was a native of Crisfield.

Wilbert Coulbourn attended the public schools of Crisfield, and, in 1925, he was graduated from Crisfield High School. The following year he became associated with the N. R. Coulbourn Company in his

home town of Crisfield. During the next twenty years he held positions of ever increasing importance and responsibility with the firm, gaining valuable experience in the many aspects of packing and distributing sea food of various kinds.

During World War II he interrupted his busy career to serve in the United States Army. He served overseas with Company L of the 330th Infantry Regiment of the 83rd Division, seeing action at Normandy, St. Lo, and Germany. He received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds at St. Lo.

After his return to civilian life, Mr. Coulbourn, in January, 1946, became a partner in the enterprise, a position which he has held with distinction since, becoming an important factor in the recent success of the company. The N. R. Coulbourn Company itself acts as packer and shipper of fresh crab meat and soft-shell crabs, scallops, shrimps, clams and oysters. It does a considerable business and employs from seventy-five to one hundred workers.

In addition to his business commitments, Mr. Coulbourn takes an active interest in other phases of the life of his community as well as of the state. In politics a staunch Democrat, he serves as chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee of Somerset County. Also among his public-spirited ventures is membership on the liquor control board. He is a member of the Crisfield fire department and acts as its secretary. Keeping in touch with veterans' affairs, he is an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, is active in the Rotary Club, and, fraternally, he is a past exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. For religious worship he attends the Mariners' Methodist Church. An ardent sportsman, Mr. Coulbourn enjoys the exercise and recreation afforded in hunting and fishing, and he is active in many other sports.

**ISRAEL LEON BENJAMIN**—An immigrant to these shores in his early boyhood, Israel Leon Benjamin has, by combining good business sense, sound and ethical merchandising practices, and a progressive spirit, become a figure of increasing importance in the city of Salisbury. He heads the Benjamin Company, Incorporated, of which he is the founder. His exceptional talents are not devoted to his business alone, for he has engaged in numerous other activities of civic benefit.

Mr. Benjamin was born April 20, 1891, in Lithuania. His father, Wolf Benjamin, was a retail clothier and later a clothing manufacturer, who came to America in 1892 and settled at Exmore, Virginia. His wife was the former Lena Rosenbloom.

Attending first the Broadwater School near Exmore, Israel Benjamin moved with his family in 1906 to Baltimore, continuing his education in the public and high schools there. On completing his secondary education, he enrolled at the Strayer-Bryant and Stratton Business College at Baltimore, being already much interested in commercial pursuits, and expecting to earn his living in following them. Mr. Benjamin completed his course at the above college, after which he went to Eastville, Virginia, to manage a dry goods store owned by his father. He remained there until 1913. He then returned to Baltimore to become associated with his father in that city, but his love for the retail business caused him to return to the Eastern Shore to seek a location where he might pursue that interest. In 1915 he went to Salisbury where he took over the unexpired lease of S.

Lowenthal, who had been operating a dry goods store on the premises for a number of years.

This proved to be but the first step in the growth of a large and popular retailing enterprise. In 1918 he purchased the building in which his business was conducted, and four years later expanded by buying the building adjacent to it, which had been occupied by the Thoroughgood Company. The firm's next expansion took place in 1926, when the Benjamin Company came to occupy the second floor in both buildings. The need for continued expansion, a consequence of the growing popularity of the Benjamin enterprise, made even this floorspace inadequate by 1937. In that year the Benjamin Company moved out, and extensive remodeling was undertaken throughout the entire store. The newly remodeled building was reoccupied in December of that year. Further expansion followed in 1941 through the leasing of the second and third floors of the E. Homer White Shoe Store Company, and the Kennerly Mitchell Company. The total effect of this growth has produced one of the finest stores on the Eastern Shore, and a leading establishment in the retailing of ladies' and children's ready-to-wear clothing, for which specialty it is particularly noted. It maintains also a homemaker's and a gift department. Its payroll at the present time exceeds one hundred and ten persons.

Mr. Benjamin's story is not entirely the story of the Benjamin Company, impressive as that account is, for its founder is one of Salisbury's more progressive citizens, always willing to help in any worthwhile enterprise for the benefit of his city and county. He has indeed served in a number of posts of civic consequence. He is a past president of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, and a director of the Peninsula General Hospital. Throughout the World War II period, he was chairman of the American Red Cross, and received a citation from the American National Red Cross for his activities during this period of service, which covered the years 1940 to 1946.

Additional business connections include directorships of the Wicomico Hotel Company, the Peninsula Broadcasting Company, and the County Trust Company of Maryland. Mr. Benjamin is a member of the Rotary Club of Salisbury, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a Thirty-second Degree Mason, being a member of all branches of this organization. He and his family worship at Beth Israel Temple, of which he was one of the founders.

At Baltimore, on September 19, 1915, Israel Leon Benjamin was married to Rose Rapoport of that city, daughter of Jonas and Frada Rapoport. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin are the parents of three children: Bernice, born August 20, 1918; Alvin Ira, born September 19, 1922; and Jonas William, who was born September 4, 1926.

Bernice attended Wicomico High School, Arlington Hall, and Hood College, from which she graduated in 1938; is married to Arthur S. Dattelbaum, who is now associated with his father-in-law in the Benjamin store. Bernice (Benjamin) Dattelbaum is the mother of two daughters, Maxine Frances, born January 30, 1942; and Judy Mina, born July 30, 1945.

Alvin attended Wicomico High School, Tome Preparatory School, and the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1943. He is now associated with his father.





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*Prentiss W. Evans*

Jonas William, who was born September 4, 1926, is now a student at North Carolina University, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Both Alvin Ira and Jonas William Benjamin served in the armed forces in World War II.

**GEORGE PERRY WALLER** is head of The Waller & Bailey Company of Mardela Springs, with which he has been associated since 1913 when he went into the lumber and canning business after leaving school. Although the canning end of the business was discontinued some years ago, due to the difficulty of obtaining labor, the concern today not only supplies lumber for building but packages for fruit and vegetables which are sold all over the Eastern Shore of Maryland and in parts of Virginia. Mr. Waller is also president of The Farmers Bank of Mardela Springs, and has held that office since 1923.

He was born in Barren Creek District on November 23, 1890, the son of James T. and Elizabeth (Bounds) Waller, his father being a farmer of Wicomico County. His grandfather, Perry H. Waller, who was also a farmer, came to the Eastern Shore of Maryland from Delaware with his wife, Arna (Kenney) Waller, who was also a native of Delaware.

George Perry Waller attended the public schools of the district and he also studied at Washington College in Chestertown. After leaving college he formed a partnership with R. Loran Langsdale and went into the lumber and cannery business in Mardela Springs. This was in 1913, and two years later, in 1915, Mr. Langsdale sold his interest to Stephen T. Bailey and the firm name became The Waller & Bailey Company. Mr. Bailey died in 1921 and Mr. Waller took over the entire business and has been operating it ever since but he retains the name of The Waller & Bailey Company.

In politics Mr. Waller is a Republican, and he belongs to the Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, belonging to the Mardela Springs Lodge.

George Perry Waller married at Easton on December 26, 1925, Dorothy Baum, a native of Waco, Texas, and the daughter of Arthur John and Maude C. (Latta) Baum. Her father, Arthur John Baum, was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and later went to Texas, becoming a cotton broker in Galveston. He died in 1910. Maude C. (Latta) Baum is the daughter of James Douglas Latta, who came to the United States from Scotland. In 1913, Maude C. (Latta) Baum came to live on the Eastern Shore and she later married S. Houston Todd (q.v.) of Salisbury.

**PRENTISS W. EVANS**—Carrying on a general practice of law in Crisfield, Prentiss W. Evans is one of the leading professional men of this community.

Mr. Evans was born August 2, 1910, son of Johnson M. and Lillie (Ward) Evans. Both parents were born in Somerset County, the father on January 3, 1872, and the mother on March 19, 1878. His father was a Chesapeake Bay boatowner and captain until his death, June 29, 1947.

The public school of Crisfield provided the early formal education of Prentiss W. Evans, who was graduated from the local high school in 1928. He attended Western Maryland College where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1932. In 1938, the National University, Washington, D. C., conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence. In 1939 he was admitted to the District of Columbia bar,

and in 1941 was admitted to the bar of Maryland. He started his Maryland practice in 1942, continuing down to the time of writing, now being admitted to practice in all state and federal courts. From 1942 to 1947 he was state's attorney.

A Democrat in his political affiliation, Mr. Evans has served in a number of public offices in Crisfield, where his practice is centered. Since 1942 he has been city solicitor of Crisfield. He was made attorney of the Somerset County Board of Education in 1947, and still serves in that capacity. During World War II he served in the United States Army with the rank of sergeant in a unit of combat, the 281st Engineers. He saw eleven months of active overseas service in France and Belgium. Mr. Evans is active in the American Legion as commander of Stanley Cochrane Post Number 16. He also belongs to the "40 and 8" and is an officer in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Along with his other undertakings, Mr. Evans gives considerable time and attention to professional societies including the Maryland Bar Association and the American Bar Association, and has been admitted to practice before the Bar of Maryland, the District of Columbia and the Supreme Court of the United States. He serves as attorney for the Somerset County Liquor Board. His civic affiliations are extensive and many-sided, including memberships in the Crisfield Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Crisfield Rotary Club (in which he is a director and vice president), and the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he holds the Thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Crisfield Fire Department. In 1942 he was made a director and general counsel of the Bank of Crisfield, which he still serves in this capacity. He is a trustee of Immanuel Methodist Church.

In Crisfield, Maryland, on December 19, 1933, Prentiss W. Evans married Elma Gandy, a native of Crisfield. Her parents, John and Daisy Gandy, were also born here.

**FRANCIS du PONT THOMSON**—Throughout a long and active career in engineering, Francis du Pont Thomson has been prominent in the development of a number of industries, and he has continued his activities as consultant to the present time. He is a resident of Elkton.

Mr. Thomson is a son of Elliot Heber Thomson, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Jeanette Ruysdael (Conover) Thomson, of Philadelphia. His father, an Episcopal clergyman, served as missionary to China from 1858 to 1917, and was stationed in Shanghai. He was co-founder of St. John's University and of St. Luke's Hospital, both located in that Chinese city. This missionary couple named their son Francis du Pont after Admiral Samuel Francis du Pont, a close friend of the family, when in command of the Asiatic Fleet. Admiral du Pont was the husband of Mr. Thomson's godmother, Sophie Madeleine du Pont, who was his first cousin.

The early education of Francis du Pont Thomson was obtained in China, where he studied under tutors or in English schools. For four years, or until the age of seventeen, he was a pupil at the Cheltenham Military Academy, a boarding school near Philadelphia. He thereafter attended Lehigh University, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1890 with the degree of Mechanical Engineer.

After graduation from Lehigh University, Mr. Thomson established his first business connection,



in July, 1890, as draftsman in the Edgar Thomson Works of Carnegie Brothers and Company of Brad-dock, Pennsylvania. He later became chief engineer of the blast furnace department. In 1895 Mr. Thom-son became superintendent of C. G. Hussey and Com-pany, a copper works in Pittsburgh, where he re-mained for one year. He was thereafter connected for six months with the United States Army Engi-neers, Pittsburgh Office, on the construction of the locks on the Allegheny River. He then returned to the Edgar Thomson Works for about one year, during which time he was engaged on special design for the blast furnace plant. He accepted a position in 1899 with the Lackawanna Iron and Steel Company, first as assistant engineer, and, in 1900, as mechanical engineer of the company. In this latter capacity, he laid out the entire plant and supervised its building until 1904. Mr. Thomson was then office and con-sulting engineer in Buffalo until 1906, when he took the position of chief engineer of the Wheeling Mold and Foundry Company, building rolling mills and other heavy machinery. The material for the tunnels under the North and East rivers for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and practically all the mechanical equip-ment of the Panama Canal, were built by this com-pany.

In 1914 Mr. Thomson undertook the development of the Humphrey Liquid Piston Gas Pump, asso-ciated with the William Todd Company of Youngs-town, Ohio, and the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company of Chester, Pennsylvania, for whom he is still consultant. During the latter period, Mr. Thomson was also associated with A. P. Steckel of Youngstown, in the development of his method of rolling steel strip by the cold metal process.

During World War I, Mr. Thomson was connect-ed with the Emergency Fleet Corporation, first as district supply manager of western Pennsylvania, western New York, West Virginia and Ohio, and finally as general purchasing officer for the corpora-tion.

At Lehigh University, Mr. Thomson was chaplain of the Psi Chapter, Alpha Phi fraternity; and since 1892, he has been a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is a charter member of the University Club of Buffalo; has been for ten years a member of the Rotary Club of Elkton, Maryland; and was chairman of the United Service Organization of Elkton during World War II. He was also active for some years in the Elkton Cham-ber of Commerce. Mr. Thomson is a Democrat in his politics, and is a member of the Protestant Epis-copal Church.

Francis du Pont Thomson married, in Pittsburgh, April 19, 1897, Bessie Gray Taylor, daughter of Charles Henry and Anna Elizabeth (Pauli) Taylor. Mrs. Thomson is the mother of a daughter by a previous marriage to Henry Miller Bissell: Anna Pauli Bissell, now Mrs. Richard V. Dawson of Dorking, Surrey, England.

**LEE L. HAYMAN**, who conducts a general hard-ware and appliance business in Princess Anne, takes an active part in community affairs and is quick to lend his support to every good cause.

He was born in Princess Anne, March 7, 1901, the son of Charles H. and Mae E. (Le Compte) Hayman, the former a native of Somerset County and the latter of Cambridge. Charles H. Hayman (q.v.) started in

business in Princess Anne about 1891, conducting a general hardware business and also selling farm imple-ments, until his death, which occurred on April 5, 1925. He was a lifelong Democrat.

Educated in the elementary and high schools of Princess Anne, Lee L. Hayman received training in business procedure at the Beacom Business College of Salisbury. He became associated with his father in the hardware business at Princess Anne in 1919. In addition to selling general hardware and farm imple-ments, the firm also handled building materials. Lee L. Hayman became a partner in the business, which operated under the name of C. H. Hayman & Sons Company and continued in this capacity until January, 1944. Then in June, 1944, he started in the hardware business for himself on Somerset Avenue, under the name of Lee L. Hayman, Hardware. Mr. Hayman employs seven people in his up-to-date hardware store. He is a member of the Princess Anne Business Men's Association, and fraternally is affiliated with Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He has been a member of the Rotary Club, and belongs to the Winter Quarters Country Club. In politics he is a Democrat, and his religious connections are with the Presbyterian Church, where he serves on the board of trustees. The local Red Cross and the local Boy Scouts organizations are two causes in which Mr. Hayman takes especial interest, and he has served as chairman of both.

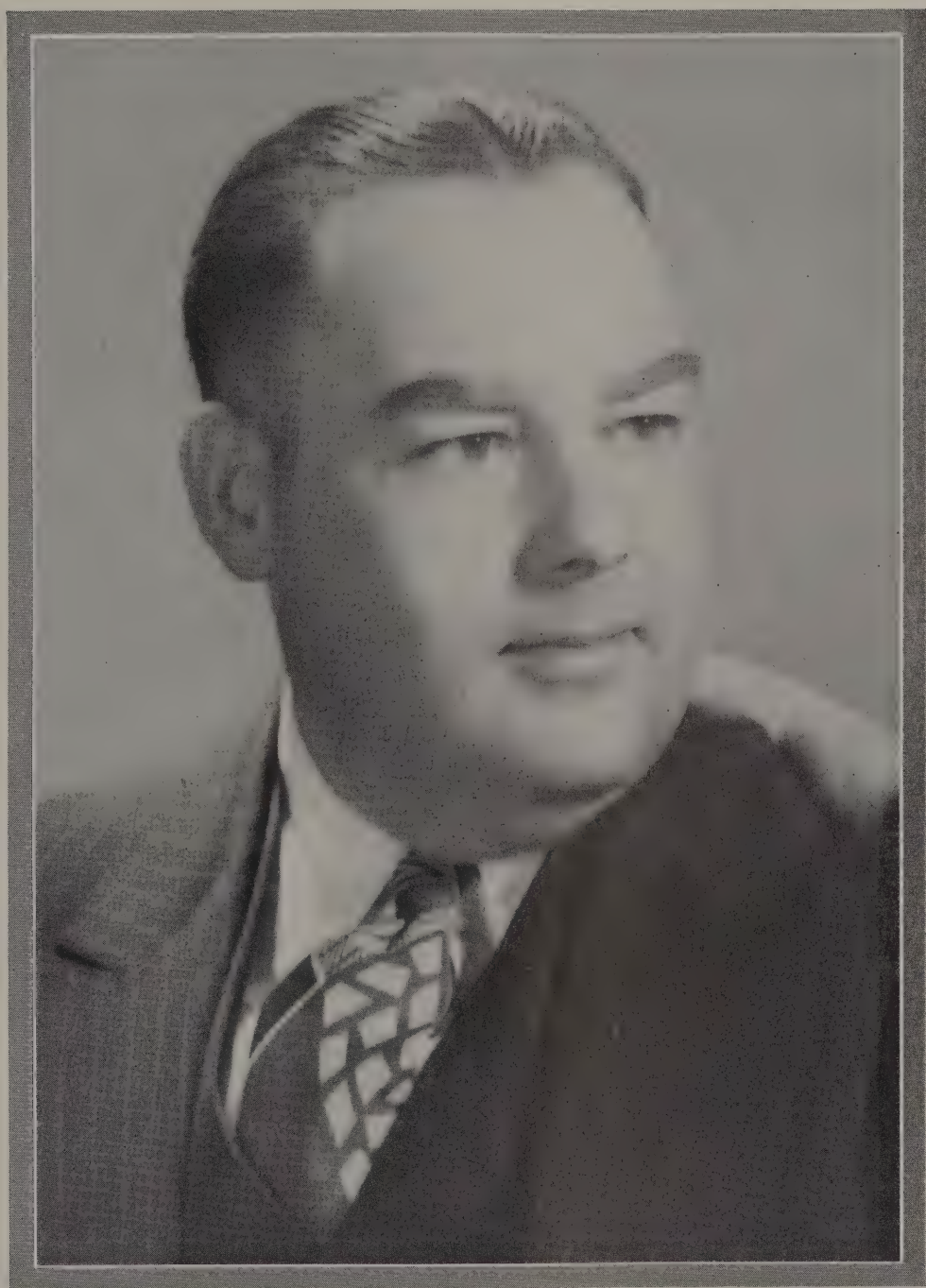
He married, at Princess Anne on February 20, 1931, Addie L. Willing, a native of Somerset County and the daughter of W. T. and Ophelia (Williams) Will-ing, both natives of Somerset County. W. T. Willing is now deceased.

**NORMAN C. MASON**—As president of the Cris-field Rotary Club, a member of the board of managers of Eastern Shore State Hospital, and a member of the welfare board of Somerset County, not to mention other offices in various local organizations, Norman G. Mason takes an active part in the affairs of his community. Since 1935 Mr. Mason has operated a coal business in Crisfield, where he also handles local hauling and concrete work.

He was born in Crisfield on January 9, 1916, the son of Leonard F. and Catherine (Christy) Mason. His paternal grandfather was Mitchell Mason. His father, the late Leonard F. Mason, who was born in Pocomoke, October 4, 1866, and died February 4, 1942, at Crisfield, was a waterman and a grocer; he was a Democrat in political affiliation, and belonged to the Order of United American Mechanics. Catherine (Christy) Mason was born in Crisfield, January 30, 1876.

Norman C. Mason was educated in the Crisfield public schools, graduating from Crisfield High School in 1934. He started in the retail coal business the following year and has continued in this business up to the present time, also operating a local hauling business in conjunction with the other enterprise, and doing concrete work as well. He employs a force of eight persons and makes use of three trucks regularly and additional trucks when needed. Mr. Mason is affil-iated with the Democratic party and takes an active interest in political affairs. He serves on the board of managers of the Eastern Shore State Hospital, and is a member of the Welfare Board of Somerset Coun-ty. An enthusiastic Rotarian, he has served in the past as vice president of the Crisfield Rotary Club and a member of its board of directors, or its chairman,





*Norman C. Mason*



and is currently holding the office of president. He is also a member of the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally, is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias in which he has served as past chancellor and commander. He is a member of the official board of the Immanuel Methodist Church.

He married at Princess Anne on March 20, 1937, Eloise I. Redden, born in Pocomoke, October 16, 1917, the daughter of Clyde V. and Jane (Payne) Redden, both natives of Pocomoke and the former a farmer of Worcester County. Mr. and Mrs. Mason have two children: Norman C. Mason, Jr., born in Crisfield, November 22, 1941, and Catherine Jane Mason, born in Crisfield, June 25, 1946.

**A. T. BLADES**, president of the Preston Trucking Company and owner and operator of the Preston Insurance Agency, which handles all types of insurance except life, is also the owner of Rolling Acres, a dairy farm on which he raises purebred Guernsey cattle. Despite his varied interests Mr. Blades is active in community affairs. He is president of the Caroline Dairy Herd Improvement Association and takes a keen interest in everything pertaining to purebred cattle.

He was born in Bethlehem, in Caroline County, May 4, 1908, the son of Alva and Lillian (Thompson) Blades, the former a native of Bethlehem and the latter of Vienna, Maryland. His father is now retired. A. T. Blades attended Preston High School and took a business course at Beacom Business College. His first business experience was in the canning industry, in which he spent three years. Then he worked for another three years in the accounting department of A. W. Sisk & Son. In 1932 he started the Preston Trucking Company and has been associated with this enterprise ever since, serving as its president since 1941. Mr. Blades is secretary-treasurer of the Duralite Manufacturing Company at Ridgely, manufacturers of aluminum truck bodies, and he serves on the board of directors of the Maryland Motor Truck Association. His dairy farm, Rolling Acres, which adjoins Frazier's Flats, had been in the Carmine family for eighty-nine years. It is a dairy farm of four hundred acres, and here Mr. Blades follows his hobby of raising purebred cattle. He has a herd of sixty-five purebred Guernseys at the present time.

Mr. Blades is a member of the New York Traffic Club of New York City, and of the Belmont Golf Club at Preston. The concern which he heads holds membership in the American Trucking Association, the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association, the Motor Carrier Association of New York, and the Interstate Common Carrier Council. Mr. Blades belongs to the Preston Lions Club, and the Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he serves as steward and a member of the official board, and chairman of the finance committee. In politics he is a Democrat.

He married on August 1, 1931, Mary G. Harper, a native of Virginia who moved to Hurlock, Maryland, when she was nine years old. She is the daughter of James G. and Lulu (Thrift) Harper, the former a native of Hurlock and the latter of Virginia.

**ERNEST LANDON WALSTON**, secretary and treasurer of the Preston Trucking Company, was born October 1, 1911, in Somerset County, near Princess Anne, the son of Ernest T. and Elsie (Landon) Walston, the former a native of Upper Fairmont and the latter of Somerset County. Mr. Walston's father is now retired.

Ernest Landon Walston attended the local public schools, graduating from Washington High School in Princess Anne. He then studied engineering at Johns Hopkins University, after which he took a course in accounting at Beacom Business College. Mr. Walston's first position was with the Bethlehem Steel Company at Sparrows Point. He then returned to Princess Anne and for six years was associated with C. H. Hayman & Sons Company, dealers in hardware and farm implements, serving as office manager of this concern. In 1936 he came to Preston in the capacity of office manager for the Preston Trucking Company. Later, from 1938 to 1940, he served as general auditor of the company and since 1940 has been secretary and treasurer. Mr. Walston is also secretary-treasurer of the Beechwood Corporation, and is general manager of the Caroline Farm & Automobile Sales Company. He is a member of the National Association of Automobile Dealers.

Mr. Walston has been active in the local volunteer fire company for eighteen years and has served in all capacities, holding practically every office at one time or another. At present he is serving as treasurer. He is also president of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. He is a Democrat and a member of the Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with Preston Lodge, No. 207, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a Past Senior Warden. He is a member of the Preston Lions Club. Mr. Walston's great hobby is his work for the fire department, to which he devotes much of his energy during his leisure time, but he is also fond of fishing and hunting.

On June 29, 1932, he was married to Margaret McDorman of Somerset County, the daughter of Walter and Anna (Wallace) McDorman, the former a native of Rock Creek and the latter of Oriole. Mr. and Mrs. Walston are the parents of two children: Ernest Landon, Jr., and Wallace Carlton.

**WILLIAM REDDIE** is a former State's Attorney and is now a member of the Talbot County School Board as well as an executive of The Talbot Bank of Easton. During World War II he was a member of the advisory board for registration in the Selective Service System in Talbot County, and also director of civilian defense.

Mr. Reddie was born at Easton on January 21, 1911, the son of William and Alice L. (Gale) Reddie. Both of his parents, now deceased, were also natives of Easton. His father was a banker. After completing his early education in Easton's elementary and high schools, Mr. Reddie entered Duke University, at Durham, North Carolina, where he spent a year. Subsequently, he was a student for five years—in prelegal and legal courses—at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. In 1934 he was awarded his degree of Bachelor of Laws and, returning immediately to his native state, was admitted to the bar that same year. In 1935 he began the general practice of law in Easton.

In 1940 he became State's Attorney for Talbot County and this important office he retained until 1948. He is now on the Talbot County School Board. His offices in The Talbot Bank are those of vice president and member of the board of directors. Professionally he is a member of the Talbot County Bar Association. He also is affiliated with the Miller Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Easton. In his church, Christ Episcopal, Mr. Reddie has



served on the vestry and was registrar for twelve years. His hobby is Talbot County history. He is a Democrat.

Mr. Reddie is unmarried.

**HERMAN SCHMICK** is a Preston business man of diversified interests and a wide scope of present connections, his name being identified prominently with agricultural, food packing, realty and insurance activities. He was reared and educated in Preston, which has been the location of his various endeavors; and is considered by its citizens as one of its most able and successful business leaders.

He was born in East New Market in Dorchester County, on March 1, 1902, but in that same year his family moved to Preston which makes him virtually a lifelong resident. His father, J. W. Schmick, who lived to be ninety-two years old, was born on the Russo-German border of German parentage. He early emigrated to this country and followed in Dorchester County the occupation of farmer. He married Mary Schierman, now deceased.

Their son Herman was educated in the public schools and at Preston High School. After the completion of his schooling he entered the occupation of farming, and continued to interest himself chiefly in agricultural pursuits until 1945. He remained on the home farm until twenty-one years of age, then undertook management of his own land. In association with his brother, he engaged in the operation of two hundred acres devoted to truck produce, and specializing in cantaloupes. This enterprise was conducted under the name of Schmick Brothers, and the partnership continued until 1942 when Herman Schmick undertook farming exclusively in his own name.

In 1945, when he withdrew from active farming, he became field representative of the C. C. Lang Pickling Company, in charge of the firm's Eastern Shore territory. But his business connections have increased in number and importance. He is engaged in the real estate business in association with the firm of Logan, Wright and Denton, and also writes insurance, representing six fire insurance companies.

He is a member of Belmont Country Club and Preston Lions Club. He is active in the Immanuel Lutheran Church, of which he is a member. He prefers bridge as a pastime. In political affiliation he is a Republican.

On January 9, 1932, Herman Schmick married Eugenia Reidy, of West Virginia, daughter of Dr. James and Maude (Noble) Reidy. Mr. and Mrs. Schmick have a daughter, Caroline Jean, born January 7, 1940, and now attending local schools.

**JOHN EDMUND CROTHERS**, of Zion, a civic leader, has also been a lifelong, successful Eastern Shore farmer and business man. His marked abilities have brought him positions of prominence and responsibility, both in the farmers' insurance field and in civic office.

Mr. Crothers was born October 27, 1867, near Zion, Cecil County, where he still makes his home. His father, James Cameron Crothers, was also a native of that place, and was descended from William Crothers, who came to this country from Ireland prior to 1750, and settled in Cecil County near the site of the old Greenhurst post office, in the locality now known as Farmington. James Cameron Crothers devoted his life to farming and the fisheries business. He also served three terms as Cecil County commis-

sioner, being a responsible and highly esteemed citizen of his community. He was one of the founders of the Woodlawn Camp Meeting, one of the largest of the times. He married Hannah Thompson, also a native of Cecil County, and they had ten children, nine of whom reached maturity: 1. Rachael, who married Rufus J. Foster. 2. Rebecca, who married J. T. Cameron. 3. Elizabeth, who married Thomas Mearnes. 4. Anna Mary. 5. William James. 6. Curtis Thompson. 7. Lawrence. 8. Alfred. 9. John Edmund, of whom further.

John Edmund Crothers attended county schools, then the Friends School at Calvert. During the summer months he worked on his father's farm, and at the age of eighteen had acquired sufficient experience to become manager and was also associated with his father in his fishery. The enterprises were combined under the name of the Redpoint Farm and Fishery, and was an ambitious project for those times, employing about forty men. John E. Crothers was associated with the farming activities until 1889, and with the fisheries until 1891, when he became a merchant and postmaster at Calvert. He remained in that place until 1915, when he purchased a farm near Zion. This farm, which he has continued operating, is located one mile west of the town of Zion.

About forty years ago Mr. Crothers became a director of the Farmers and Mechanics Mutual Insurance Association of Cecil County. Fifteen years ago he was elected its president, and has served in that office since. He served on the Cecil County School Board from 1923 to 1940, and was for eight years president of the board. Mr. Crothers' religious affiliation is with the Methodist Church.

On November 19, 1891, John Edmund Crothers married Mary Wingate Rutter, whose home was near North East, Maryland. She had attended public schools, and the Presbyterian School at North East. They became the parents of seven children: 1. James Alexander, brigadier general (retired), United States Army, now general manager of the Port of Boston. 2. Edmund Wingate, engaged in the garage business in Elkton. 3. Ralph Rutter, a biography of whom follows. 4. William H., now deceased. 5. Ruth McCracken, married to Harvey W. Ewing, of Rising Sun, Maryland. 6. Francis Willard, also in Elkton, engaged in business. 7. Charles Taylor, of Rising Sun, who is an insurance broker.

**RALPH RUTTER CROTHERS**, clerk of Cecil County, was born January 3, 1899, near Calvert, in Cecil County, the son of John Edmund and Mary Wingate (Rutter) Crothers. He was educated in the county schools and the Calvert Agricultural High School, and then, before taking further training, entered the employ of duPont de Nemours Company at Haskell, New Jersey. After a time he entered the University of Delaware. He became active in the Student Army Training Corps at the University and in 1918 was inducted into the United States Army for service during World War I. After his discharge Mr. Crothers accepted a position with the duPont Engineering Company at Pontiac, Michigan, and while filling this position studied during his spare time, taking extension work with the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pennsylvania, in civil engineering. After passing the necessary examination he became a licensed civil engineer in Maryland. He then worked for the Virginia Highway Department until 1924, when he went to Miami,



Herman Schmick









*John Roland Dashiell*

Florida, and worked as civil engineer for the city of Coral Gables, and later for the city of Miami. He then spent a year in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Philadelphia, and two years with the Pennsylvania State Highway Department. In 1932, with this wealth of experience behind him, he returned to Elkton, where he became city engineer, a post he held for eight years. In 1940 he accepted a position with the Triumph Explosive Company as engineer. Two years later, in 1942, he was elected county clerk of Cecil County, and has since been re-elected and holds this post at the present time. Mr. Crothers is a member of the American Legion, and fraternally, is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons.

He married, on June 27, 1932, Ethel Ranck, a native of Honeybrook in Chester County. Mr. and Mrs. Crothers have one daughter, Phyllis Jean, born November 2, 1943.

**MARION LEE BROWN** has been in the insurance business for himself since 1930, handling all sorts of insurance except life. Mr. Brown is active in community affairs and is a past officer of the Snow Hill Rotary Club and past president of the Men's Civic Club of Snow Hill.

He was born August 23, 1904, at Salisbury, son of C. Jerome and Amelia (Parker) Brown, his father being a farmer of Wicomico County. Marion Lee Brown attended elementary and high schools in Salisbury, after which he took a commercial course at the Beacom Business College at Salisbury. After leaving school he worked for two years as a bookkeeper and then with the clothing firm of Kennerly & Mitchell, where he remained for nearly six years. He left to enter the field of insurance, first with James Scott of Salisbury, with whom he spent two years, and then in his own business, which he started in 1930 as a partner with George C. Booth in the firm of Booth and Brown. In January, 1932 Mr. Brown purchased Mr. Booth's interest and has continued the enterprise alone, under the firm name. Mr. Brown conducts a general insurance business, handling all kinds of insurance except life. He is a member of the Methodist Church of Snow Hill, and the Snow Hill Rotary Club; and is a member and past president of the Men's Civic Club of that town. He enjoys hunting, fishing and golf.

Marion Lee Brown married at Snow Hill on August 9, 1932, Mary E. Parsons, the daughter of Charles H. and Mollie (Corddry) Parsons.

**JOHN CARSON RICHARDSON**, cashier of the First National Bank of Snow Hill, was born in Saxis, Virginia, on September 18, 1898, the son of John and Leigh Anna (Northam) Richardson, his father being a building contractor at Saxis and at Onancock.

Receiving his education in the elementary and high schools of Onancock, John Carson Richardson entered the employ of the du Pont Company in Wilmington and worked for this concern during World War I. He then was assistant agent at Tasley, Virginia, for the Pennsylvania Railroad for a period of three years. Leaving the Eastern Shore, Mr. Richardson then went to Fresno, California, where he became associated with the Fidelity Trust & Savings Bank, which later became the Fresno branch of the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles. Mr. Richardson remained with this

bank for ten years, working in all its departments and holding various posts, from bookkeeper to cashier of the trust department. He was forced to give up his position in the bank because of ill health, and went to work in an outdoor position with the Sugar Pine Lumber Company, working in the mountains for a year in the interest of his health. In 1930 he returned to the East, and in 1936 once again became employed in the field of banking, becoming assistant cashier for the Hallwood National Bank of Hallwood, Virginia. In 1940 he accepted a position as assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Snow Hill, with which bank he has been associated ever since. He was made cashier of the bank in 1946. Mr. Richardson is a Methodist. He is a member of the Snow Hill Lions Club.

At Pocomoke City on December 31, 1935, he married Mayme Hayward Lewis, the daughter of Chestnut and Mary Ellen (Marshall) Lewis, her father being a merchant of Saxis.

**J. ROLAND DASHIELL**—Long connected with the business and civic life of Mt. Vernon and Salisbury, J. Roland Dashiell is well known and esteemed for his readiness to assist in movements and organizations that work for the benefit of the community and the welfare of its people. He is one of those fortunate men who very early in life found the vocation in which he could remain interested through the passing years, and to which he could devote his best energies. As a child he spent the week-ends and vacations working with an uncle, a contractor, and was still only a youth when he launched his own business in the field of construction. For almost a quarter of a century the headquarters of his firm have been in Salisbury.

Born at Mt. Vernon, Somerset County, Maryland, on October 29, 1890, J. Roland Dashiell is the son of William D. and Annie Elizabeth (Bloodworth) Dashiell. His mother is deceased. His father, a farmer and substantial citizen, is a native of Mt. Vernon and is living, now in his late eighties. J. Roland Dashiell attended the grammar schools of his birthplace, and was graduated from the Mt. Vernon High School with the class of 1906. Later he studied architectural courses with a correspondence college.

As a boy of seven years, Mr. Dashiell was doing odd chores, when school permitted, for his uncle, Charles Dashiell, a contractor of Mt. Vernon. He evidently liked the smell of fresh-turned earth and sawdust, for he made a career of construction. In 1907 he branched out on his own on a small scale, and from then on built up a large business in Mt. Vernon and the surrounding territory, over a period of eighteen years. In 1925, to provide for the further development of his enterprise, he established headquarters in Salisbury. Here he operated under his own name until 1948, when it was changed to J. Roland Dashiell and Sons. Numbered among the outstanding buildings the Dashiell firm has constructed are: Denton High School, 1924; Methodist Episcopal Church, Chestertown; Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church School, Salisbury; Masonic Temple, Crisfield; High School, Smyrna, Delaware; WBOC Radio Station, Salisbury; three buildings, including Administration Building at Princess Anne College; Watson Memorial, Salisbury; North Salisbury School; East Salisbury School; Pemberton Elementary School; and the Deer's Head State Hospital, Salisbury, which cost in excess of two million



dollars, and a photograph of which is published in this history.

During World War I, Mr. Dashiell was superintendent of construction of the Floating Dry Dock for the Sun Shipbuilding Company, at Chester, Pennsylvania.

Aside from business, fraternal affiliations are an outstanding interest of Mr. Dashiell. He is a member of Manokin Lodge No. 106, Free and Accepted Masons; the higher bodies of the order including the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Modern Woodmen of the World; the Loyal Order of Moose; and the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Salisbury Rotary Club, and a Democrat in political allegiance. A communicant of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, he serves on the official board, and is liberal in his support of religious and charitable works.

On May 12, 1913, at Chance, Somerset County, Maryland, J. Roland Dashiell married Doris G. Disharoon, daughter of Woodland and Mary (Mister) Disharoon. Mr. and Mrs. Dashiell are the parents of ten children: 1. Woodland O., member of the firm of J. Roland Dashiell and Sons. 2. Mary Elizabeth, who married Joseph Brown, of Norfolk, Virginia. 3. J. Roland, Jr., associated in business with his father. 4. Bruce M., member of the firm of J. Roland Dashiell and Sons. 5. Russell C., also associated in business with his father and brothers. 6. Doris, who is deceased. 7. Eleanor, who married Patrick Boccia, bookkeeper and paymaster. 8. Donald Lee, who serves as secretary of J. Roland Dashiell and Sons. 9. Robert D., attending school, but connected with his father and brothers during summer vacations. 10. A child, deceased.

**HENRY HARLAN HANNA**—Into the life of Henry Harlan Hanna, one of the younger group of business men of Salisbury, has been packed a wide variety of experience. A veteran of World War II, recently returned to this community, of which he is a native, he has actively entered many phases of local affairs, and has been honored with election to the city council.

Born in Salisbury, on February 21, 1921, Henry Harlan Hanna is the son of Henry Harlan and Virginia (Perdue) Hanna, his father having been identified with the automobile business in this city. Both parents are deceased. Henry H. Hanna was educated in the Upton Street Grammar School, Salisbury; the Episcopal High School, of Alexandria, Virginia; the Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pennsylvania; and the University of Virginia, at Charlottesville. His business experience includes connections with the Gulf Oil Service stations in Salisbury, employment with the duPont interest nylon plant at Seaford (maintenance department), and activities as an insurance agent in the insurance and real estate firm of Davis and Hanna. Since April, 1947, he has operated independently and serves a large number of clients in this field of endeavor.

Henry Harlan Hanna was a member of the Ninth Air Force, United States Army, in the photographic section, European Theater of Operations, serving in England, France, and Germany, and is the recipient of three battle stars. Exceptionally civic minded and co-operative with community projects, he is a member of Salisbury Volunteer Fire Department, a mem-

ber of the executive committee of the Maryland League of Municipalities, and was elected to the Salisbury City Council, for a term of four years beginning in 1948. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He attends St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church.

On March 31, 1946, at Florence, South Carolina, Henry Harlan Hanna married Mabel Brown, daughter of Frank and Clara (Gasque) Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna are the parents of a son: Henry Harlan, III, born February 15, 1947.

**CHARLES STANDIFORD HAYMAN**, with his two brothers, conducts one of the largest produce businesses on the Eastern Shore, which they operate under the name of C. R. Hayman & Sons, although their father, who started the business in Rockawalkin in 1900 and moved it to Salisbury in 1932, has since died. Mr. Hayman takes an active interest in community affairs and was president of the Salisbury Lions Club in 1939-40.

He was born at Rockawalkin on January 27, 1904, son of Charles Reede and Esther Mae (Pollitt) Hayman. The late Charles Reede Hayman, who started the produce business which is today operated by the Hayman brothers, was for forty years agent on the old Baltimore & Chesapeake Railroad at Rockawalkin and was also postmaster of the same town for forty years. Esther Mae (Pollitt) Hayman, Mr. Hayman's mother, is living today.

Charles Standiford Hayman attended the elementary and high schools of Wicomico County. Upon leaving school he became associated with his father, who was in the produce business. This was in 1921. In 1932 his father moved the business to Salisbury, and since his father's death he and his two brothers, Levin Gordy Hayman and B. Lee Hayman, have continued to operate it. In a region noted for its produce, the brothers are among the most successful operators in their field. Mr. Hayman is a member of the Methodist Church of Rockawalkin, and he is a member and past president of the Salisbury Lions Club.

He married, December 25, 1929, at Snow Hill, Maryland, Aline Rosalie Krause, the daughter of Samuel and Annie (Parker) Krause, her father being in the baking business in Delmar. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Standiford Hayman have three children: 1. Charles S. Hayman, born January 8, 1933. 2. Sheppard Lee Hayman, born July 6, 1938. 3. Ellen Krause Hayman, born November 11, 1944, all born at Rockawalkin, Wicomico County.

**LEVIN GORDY HAYMAN** is a member of the firm of C. R. Hayman & Sons of Salisbury, which handles one of the largest produce businesses on the Eastern Shore. The business was started about 1900 in Rockawalkin by Mr. Hayman's father, the late Charles R. Hayman, who moved it to Salisbury in 1932. Today it is conducted by the three sons of the founder, who still retain the name of C. R. Hayman & Sons, under which it built up its reputation during his lifetime.

Levin Gordy Hayman was born on May 7, 1908, in Rockawalkin, the son of Charles Reede and Esther Mae (Pollitt) Hayman. Charles Reede Hayman served for forty years as agent on the old Baltimore & Chesapeake Railroad at Rockawalkin and was also



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postmaster of the town of Rockawalkin for forty years. He was the founder of the produce business which his sons now operate, and continued active in it until his death. Mr. Hayman's mother, Esther Mae (Pollitt) Hayman, is still living.

Levin Gordy Hayman attended the public schools of Wicomico County. After leaving high school, he became associated with his father in the produce business, and was active in it from 1922 on, putting in ten years at Rockawalkin before the business was moved to Salisbury in 1932. Associated with him in the business today are his two brothers, Charles Standiford (q. v.) and B. Lee Hayman. They do one of the largest produce businesses in the entire region. Mr. Hayman is a member of the Methodist Church of Rockawalkin.

He married at Salisbury on December 21, 1941, Lizzie Margaret Taylor, the daughter of John B. and Carrie May (Phillips) Taylor.

**EDWARD McMASTER DUER**—One of the rising young lawyers of the Eastern Shore is Edward McMaster Duer, who has been practicing in Princess Anne since his return from United States Army service in World War II and is now serving as state attorney for a term of four years.

He was born in Princess Anne on February 6, 1911, the son of Robert F. and Anne Louise (McMaster) Duer. Robert F. Duer is a well-known attorney and judge, and a Republican by political affiliation. Edward McMaster Duer attended the local elementary schools and Princess Anne High School, from which he graduated in the class of 1927. He then became a student at Gettysburg Academy and graduated from this institution in 1929, after which he entered the University of Baltimore as a member of the class of 1936. After graduating from the university, Mr. Duer bent his efforts toward the practice of law, and in 1938 he was admitted to the Maryland bar. He first hung out his shingle in Salisbury and practiced there from 1939 to 1941, when his legal career was interrupted by war service. From 1942 to 1946 he served as a noncommissioned officer in the Intelligence Corps of the United States Army. Returning to civilian life in 1946, he set up in practice in his native city of Princess Anne. In November, 1946 he was elected to the office of state attorney on the Republican ticket for a term of four years. He is a member of Kappa Alpha college fraternity, and of Oliver T. Beauchamp Post, Number 93, of the American Legion, and he also belongs to the Maryland Bar Association. He is a Republican and a member of St. Andrews Church.

On June 7, 1941, at Princess Anne he married Gladys Miles, a native of Marion and the daughter of Vance and Lillian (Haynes) Miles, both natives of Marion. Mr. and Mrs. Duer have one child, Anne Haynes, born in Princess Anne, December 20, 1946.

**VICTOR LYNN LINES, INC.**—The Victor Lynn Transportation Company was established on February 1, 1921 by Al Wootten of Salisbury. Business was begun with one small oil-burning freight boat named the "Victor Lynn" which made two round trips between Salisbury and Baltimore each week. The first trip made carried a load of sweet potatoes to the Baltimore market and brought back fifty drums of oil for a local oil company together with small shipments of groceries for the wholesale grocery houses. This original "Victor

Lynn" later burned while en route to Baltimore and was replaced by a much larger boat bearing the same name. While the new "Victor Lynn" was under construction, business was carried on by various boats chartered by the owner. After the new boat was completed and put in operation, the service was extended to three round trips per week. The business continued to grow and soon necessitated the addition of truck service to various points on the Shore, ranging from lower Delaware to Cape Charles, Virginia. It was soon apparent that this continued growth in business would require more frequent service and another boat named the "Henrietta Frances" was obtained and put in operation. With this addition, daily freight service between the Eastern Shore and Baltimore was begun. During this period business to other towns on the peninsula had also continued to increase with the result that additional trucks had gradually been added to the fleet and most towns on the lower peninsula were now being served daily by trucks from Salisbury working in conjunction with the boats.

In 1930 Mr. Wootten sold the company to Day & Zimmerman, a Delaware corporation, which also acquired at the same time a trucking company operating under the name of Burris Express with headquarters at Milford, Delaware. This company operated trucks to and from New York City, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Delaware, Baltimore, Washington, D. C., and certain points on the Shore. The new owners combined the operations of the two companies and continued to operate under the name of the Victor Lynn Transportation Company. The business was greatly expanded with the addition of many more trucks and two other boats named the "Clio" and "Red Star" which boats operated between Baltimore and Cambridge.

In 1938 this company went into the hands of receivers and in March of 1939 was purchased from the receivers by a group of local business interests. Operations were continued without interruption under a new corporation named Victor Lynn Lines, Inc. Officers and directors of the new corporation were Pratt D. Phillips, president; William T. Holland, vice president; H. Lay Phillips, treasurer; Avery W. Hall, secretary; S. Norman Holland, assistant treasurer and Nathaniel R. Wootten, general manager. Very few changes in the personnel were made and the business was carried on in the same general manner as previously with the exception that water service between Baltimore and Cambridge was discontinued and service by trucks was substituted between these points.

In 1943 Pratt D. Phillips and H. Lay Phillips resigned from the board and sold their interests in the company. New officers elected were William T. Holland, president; S. Norman Holland, treasurer; Nathaniel R. Wootten, vice president and general manager; Francis C. Baker, assistant treasurer; Victor Lynn Wootten, assistant secretary with Avery W. Hall continuing as secretary.

In 1944 Charles M. Hogarth acquired an interest in the company and was elected executive vice president and made general manager of the company. At this time Nathaniel R. Wootten resigned as general manager. New officers were again elected and these same officers are presently serving today: William T. Holland, chairman of the board; Avery W. Hall, president; S. Norman Holland, treasurer; Francis C. Baker, secretary; C. M. Hogarth, executive vice

president and general manager; Nathaniel R. Wootten, vice president and V. Lynn Wootten, assistant secretary.

Considerable capital improvements have been made since 1944 including the purchase of new rolling equipment and the construction of several new freight terminal buildings. The company is now enjoying a much larger volume of business and is in a very sound financial condition.

**NATHANIEL RICHARD WOOTTEN**—An important and familiar figure in Salisbury, and Wicomico County life and affairs, Nathaniel Richard Wootten has by his career carried on well the traditions associated with his name. Like his father before him, his main interest is transportation, and his several official posts are connected with this field of operations. He participates in varied community activities and is a popular club man.

Born in Salisbury, on October 23, 1904, Nathaniel Richard Wootten is a son of Alphonso and Gertrude May (Parsons) Wootten, members of long established Eastern Shore families. Parsonsburg was named for ancestors of his mother. Alphonso Wootten (q. v.), was a native of Dorchester County, who played several outstanding roles in the development of Salisbury, notably in initiating water transportation lines engaged in the Chesapeake Bay and coastal freight traffic.

After completing his formal education, Nathaniel Richard Wootten prepared for a career by studying business administration in a business college, and became associated with his father in the operation of the Victor Lynn Transportation Company, until it was sold in 1930 to Day and Zimmerman, Inc. He then turned his attention to the automobile and finance business, and later was a realtor, until March, 1939, when with a group of associates he purchased Victor Lynn Lines, Inc. Mr. Wootten was executive vice president and general manager of the organization until 1944, when he turned these posts over to Charles M. Hogarth (q. v.), and has since continued as vice president.

Mr. Wootten is also a director of the Red Star Motor Coach Company, Inc., and serves on the board of directors of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, of Salisbury. He is a Republican in politics, more interested in sound progressive government than in public office. He is an officer and director of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, member of the Lions Club, and fraternally is affiliated with Salisbury Lodge No. 817, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A lover of sports, especially fond of golf, he is president of the Green Hill Yacht and Country Club. He attends the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, and is generous in the support of religious and humanitarian works.

On July 26, 1941, at Wilmington, North Carolina, Nathaniel Richard Wootten married Louise Matthews.

**ALPHONSO WOOTTEN**—Although in his exceptionally active life Alphonso Wootten of Salisbury, engaged in varied enterprises, he is best remembered as a transportation executive, widely known as the "founder of the Chesapeake Bay freight system in Salisbury." His name and his interests were also associated with many community projects and groups, for he was frequently the leader in the promotion of

activities that undertook to promote the prosperity of the city and the welfare of its people.

Alphonso Wootten, born in 1876, came to Salisbury in 1896. For six years he was employed by the old Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railroad in its traffic department. Probably this early work influenced his choice of transportation as a field in which he would like to continue. However, he started the Wicomico Brick Company, and operated it until 1916. Then for five years he sold farm supplies. It was not until 1921 that he returned to his first business interests when he organized the Victor Lynn Transportation Company. This concern gave Salisbury and other sections of the Eastern Shore a freight service to Baltimore that was needed and appreciated by the public. Alphonso Wootten carried on this enterprise until 1930, when he sold it to Day and Zimmerman, Inc. He did not desert the transportation field however, but continued in it prior to his death, during the last few years operating motor freighters, one on the Chesapeake and its tributaries, and another engaged in the coastal trade between New York City and Charleston, South Carolina. Down through the years, Mr. Wootten was an exemplar of progressive citizenship, allying himself with movements and organizations that furthered the development of Salisbury and Wicomico County. He was affiliated with the Republican party since manhood; a favorite club was the Rotary. He worshipped at the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1901 Alphonso Wootten married Gertrude May Parsons, of Parsonsburg, Wicomico County, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Wootten were the parents of four children: V. Lynn, Nathaniel Richard (q. v.), Rebecca A., and Alwyn H. Wootten.

Alphonso Wootten was sixty-one years of age at the time of his passing on July 28, 1937, and in his passing Salisbury and Maryland lost one of its important citizens. He was a man of marked abilities who in various enterprises proved himself a capable executive and business man. He used his influence and his means to benefit the community and his fellowmen, and set an example worthy of emulation by a host of friends and associates who paid tribute to his memory.

**CHARLES MENNELL HOGARTH**—Throughout his business life, Charles Mennell Hogarth of Salisbury has been identified with the automotive industry. After a varied and exceptionally broad experience, he became the executive vice president and general manager of Victor Lynn Lines, Inc., offices he has filled most capably since 1944. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he is the son of Thomas Mennell and Mary St. Clair (White) Hogarth, his father being a merchant.

After being graduated from Girard College, Philadelphia, Charles Mennell Hogarth began making his own livelihood and, from 1913 to 1918, was sales manager for the Vim Motor Truck Company, in Philadelphia. His later business connections were: 1918-23, manager of the Mack Truck Company, Harrisburg (Pennsylvania) Branch; 1923-25, dealer at Harrisburg in Pierce-Arrow cars; 1925, Delaware manager of the Autocar Company; 1925-27, Reo automobile dealer at Dover, Delaware; 1927-37, representative of the Autocar Company, in Salisbury; 1937-44, Southern District manager of the Autocar Company, with headquarters at Richmond, Virginia. Since







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*D. M. Hogarth*



March 1, 1944, he has been executive vice president and general manager of the Victor Lynn Lines, Inc., at Salisbury. Along business connections Mr. Hogarth is a director of the Maryland Motor Truck Association, and the Delaware Motor Truck Association, and, socially, he is a member of the Green Hill Country Club. He attends the Wicomico Presbyterian Church.

At Dover, Delaware, on June 25, 1927, Charles Mennell Hogarth, married Ann Pearson, daughter of Claude H. Pearson. Mr. and Mrs. Hogarth are the parents of a daughter: Patricia Ann, born October 5, 1928. By a previous marriage, he is the father of another daughter, Dorothy May, born May 5, 1915.

**GEORGE HARRY DAVIDSON**—During a varied career, George Harry Davidson of Middletown, Delaware, has been prominent in the real estate field, as transportation contractor, farmer and mill owner. A native of the Eastern Shore, Mr. Davidson is a self-made man, whose position in life is not a consequence of family esteem or special advantage. He is a well-known figure in the vicinity of Middletown, and active in its affairs.

Mr. Davidson was born November 3, 1873, at Red Lion Creek near Delaware City, Delaware, son of Amos Evans and Mary Jane (Starrett) Davidson. His father was a farmer, managing farms in both Maryland and Delaware, and was of Scotch and English descent. His ancestors had migrated from Scotland to the five counties of Ulster, Ireland, taking up homes there until religious persecution caught up with them and they migrated to America about 1632. They settled first near Elkton, Maryland. However, the gold rush of '49 nearly depleted Elkton of her Davidson population. Great-grandfather Davidson died young leaving a widow with five sons. She moved to Delaware City. She was unable to keep her boys in school, and they too became self-made men.

George Harry Davidson's formal schooling was limited by circumstance. In the elementary schools of his native locality he progressed readily, but he was unable to continue beyond the sixth grade, as grades went by reader at the time. The greater part of his learning and business abilities has sprung from experience. For a number of years he engaged successfully in real estate, becoming an extensive owner of Eastern Shore property. After farming for some years early in life, Mr. Davidson later managed a retail store at Trainer, Pennsylvania. He has also been a mill owner and operator at Bohemia Mills, in Cecil County, and to the present time is active as a contractor in local and long distance transportation in the states of Maryland and Delaware.

Mr. Davidson is a member of the National Geographic Society and the Maryland Historical Society, and he belongs to Rotary, being a charter member of the Middletown, Delaware, Rotary Club, and to the Blue Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Among Mr. Davidson's services to his community is numbered his directorship of the Cemeteries Associations of Grace Lawn, near Wilmington, and of Consolidated Cemeteries, north of Philadelphia. Mr. Davidson is a conservative in his political views, and he has never sought public office. In religious faith, he is an orthodox Presbyterian. He makes his home at Middletown.

At North East, in Cecil County, George Harry

Davidson married Iola Mears, daughter of John A. and Ellen (Meekins) Mears. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson became the parents of two daughters: 1. Ellen J. (Davidson) Jackson. 2. Iola D. (Davidson) Rigby and one son: 3. Marion A. Davidson.

**WALDO H. ROBINSON** has been active as a business man in Cambridge, and likewise has a good record in filling positions of responsibility and public trust.

He began life in humble circumstances. His father, William L. G. Robinson, followed the sea most of his life, but in later years settled down in Dorchester County and became the proprietor of a grocery store. He married Sally Pritchett, of that county. Their son Waldo, born in Toddville on December 24, 1900, was first occupied in farming, later going to work for his uncle, who also ran a grocery store. After clerking in this store for some time, the young man made the decision to enter the mercantile business for himself. For six years he operated his own store. Then seeing better possibilities in the automotive business, he became associated with Lee Noble in the selling of Ford cars. While successfully continuing his retailing enterprise, he was appointed deputy sheriff by James R. Thomas, 3rd day of December, 1938. When the latter entered the Coast Guard, Mr. Robinson assumed his office. Running for sheriff in 1942, however, he was defeated, and became chief guard at the huge Phillips Packing Company, occupying this post and holding the rank of captain during World War II. Again entering the electoral contest for sheriff in 1946, he was elected, and has held this office to date.

Mr. Robinson is a Republican and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious affiliation is with St. Paul's Methodist Church.

On November 26, 1924, Waldo H. Robinson married Lillian Slacum of Cambridge, Maryland, daughter of Howard Slacum. They are the parents of a daughter, Edna Mae, married to Frederick Pritchett of Cambridge.

**EMERSON B. SLOCUM, O. D.**—Dr. Emerson B. Slocum has built up a successful practice in optometry in Cambridge since his arrival there in 1937, and has also entered fully into the life of the community.

Born in Jackson, Michigan, January 17, 1912, he was the son of Earl C. and Lu (Armstrong) Slocum, both natives of that state. Her father was a merchant. After attending public and high schools in Jackson, Emerson Slocum entered Jackson Junior College, continuing his studies at the University of Maryland. His degree of Doctor of Optometry was given in 1934 by the Northern Illinois College of Optometry. After a number of years of practice, he took further courses in his profession as a postgraduate student at the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry in 1941.

Dr. Slocum began the practice of his profession in Washington, D. C., in 1934. However, in 1937 he moved to Cambridge, opening an office there, establishing a practice which has succeeded well. He is a member of the American Optometric Association, the Eastern Shore Association of Optometrists, and the National Optometric Extension Program.

As a fairly recent resident of Cambridge, Dr. Slocum's civic record is a rather exceptional one, and his active participation in affairs has brought him a place on the Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Cambridge Yacht Club, and the Cambridge Country Club, of which he is past president. He attends the Zion



Methodist Church, and is a member of its official board. His political party is the Republican.

Dr. Emerson B. Slocum was married on March 10, 1935, to Gwen Amann, a native of Michigan. They are the parents of two children: William Barrett and Mary Amann.

**CALVIN B. TAYLOR**—It lies within the power of few men to contribute as fully, and in as many capacities, to the life of their community, as did the late Calvin B. Taylor to the Eastern Shore. A resident of Berlin, he successfully practiced law in that community for over forty years. In his early career he was an educator, filling appointments as teacher, principal, and superintendent of schools in Worcester County. He was a banker, opening a bank in his own name in 1890, and continuing in official positions in this connection to the end of his life. He served as mayor of the city of Berlin and as member of the town council; and for two terms he represented Worcester County as a member of the House of Delegates. He was no less active in church, lodge, political, and professional matters. Indeed, there are few activities of benefit to the public and requiring the attention of a well-trained mind to which Calvin B. Taylor did not fruitfully devote himself. The impression made by his personality is, and shall remain, that of one of the most valuable citizens to have given his efforts to the progress of the Eastern Shore.

Born on Trappe Creek Farm, near Berlin, on December 28, 1857, Calvin B. Taylor was a son of Arthur W. and Margaret Ellen (Bowen) Taylor. He was of good Eastern Shore stock, and descended in the maternal line from the Ironshire family. He received his secondary education at the old Buckingham Academy, in Berlin, which later became the Berlin High School; and after graduation entered Western Maryland College, from which he received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts, both in 1882. On completing his education, Mr. Taylor taught school at Bishopville and Berlin. He became the first principal of the Buckingham Academy after it had become known as the Berlin High School. He was principal of schools for seven years, and during 1891 was appointed examiner, or superintendent, of Worcester County schools, to serve for five years. The citizens of Worcester County had already learned that Mr. Taylor was a responsible and capable man in whom they could place full confidence.

He had retired from active teaching, however, in 1889. Three years before that time, he had begun the reading of law under Edward D. Martin, and this calling appealed to him more strongly than that of educator. He was admitted to the bar in 1886, and on his retirement from teaching, he formed a partnership with Edward D. Martin, under whom he had studied, for the practice of law under the firm name of Martin and Taylor.

It was in 1890 that Mr. Taylor entered the banking field. In that year he opened a private bank in Berlin, operating his new business under the name of Calvin B. Taylor, Banker. He continued to manage this institution through the years, concurrently with his law practice. After some time, the name of the concern was changed to Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company. In 1908, his private banking enterprise was incorporated, under the name of Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company of Berlin, Maryland, with Mr. Taylor as president and chairman of the board of directors, which position, together with his law practice comprised his major business activities until his death.

It was inevitable that a man whose qualifications had been as clearly demonstrated as Mr. Taylor's should ultimately be selected by the people to fill public office. He was first selected to represent Worcester County as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates for the term 1898-99, and some years later he was re-elected, to represent the county during the 1912-13 session. He was also for four years a member of the town council of Berlin, and was mayor of that city for two years.

In associations of both the banking and legal professions, Mr. Taylor was always active. He was at one time vice president of the Berlin Building and Loan Association, and was for one term president of the Tri-County Bankers Association. He was a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Snow Hill, and the Bishopville Bank. Among his legal affiliations, Mr. Taylor included membership in the American Bar Association. Politically, he was a Democrat in good standing in his party, and until the time of his death was a member of the Worcester County Democratic State Central Committee. Locally, he was a member of the Chamber of Commerce; and he served as a member of the board of directors of the Peninsula General Hospital, of Salisbury. Mr. Taylor's church affiliations were equally characterized by loyalty and a capacity for rendering able service. He united with the Buckingham Presbyterian Church in Berlin on January 15, 1878, on confession of faith, and was ordained and installed an elder of that church on June 14, 1885, which relation he continued to hold until the time of his death. He also for many years served in the capacity of Sunday school superintendent and teacher.

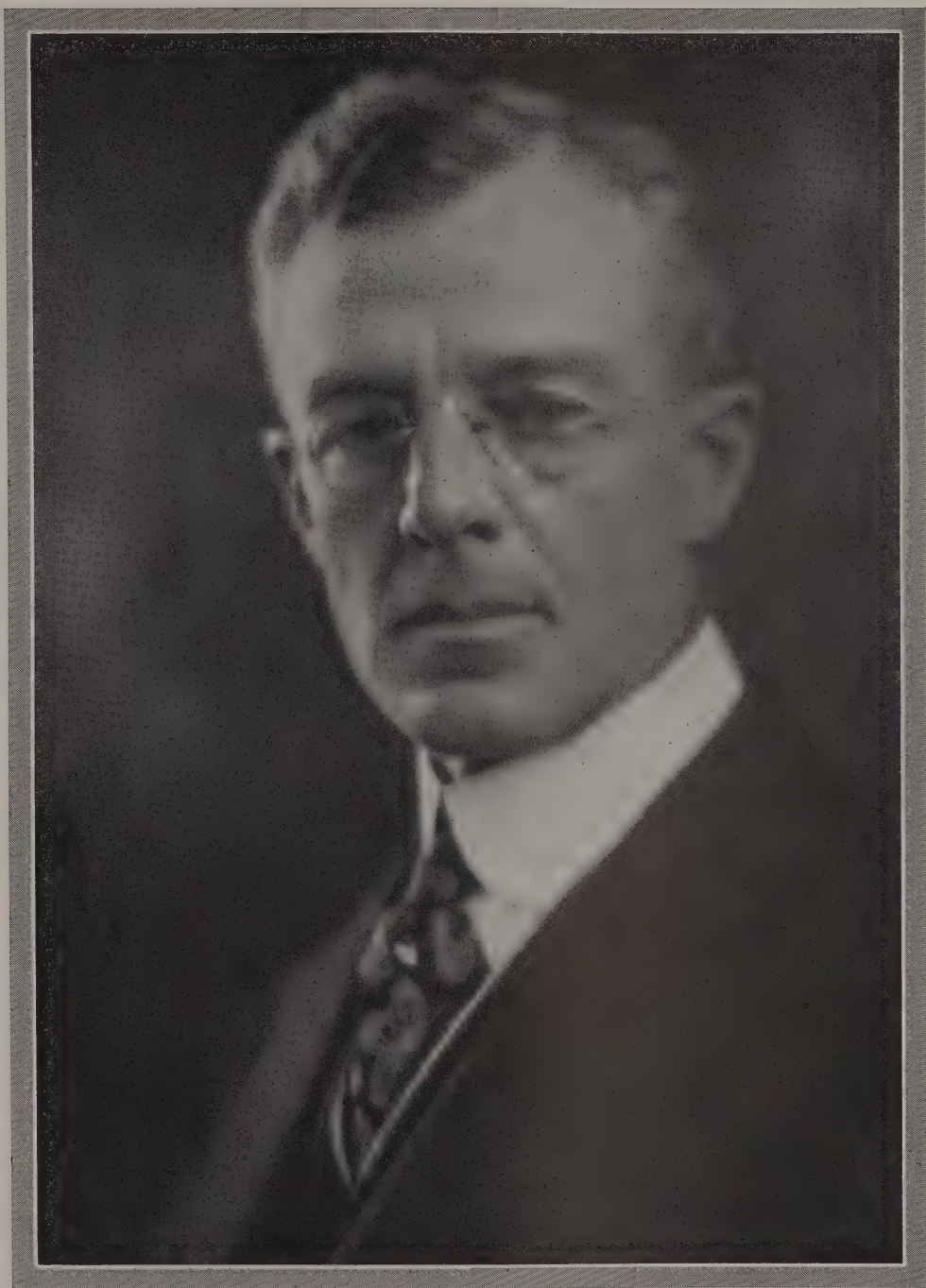
His lodge activities constituted one of Mr. Taylor's foremost, and best loved, diversions. He was long a member of Evergreen Lodge No. 153, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Berlin, and was made a master Mason of Evergreen Lodge on January 4, 1900. He served throughout the years thereafter in various stations, including senior warden, and was one of its largest contributors in making possible the building of the temple which is at present the center of lodge life. Mr. Taylor was also a member of Paran Lodge No. 164, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, likewise located in Berlin; and the direction of his recreational interests is indicated by his membership in the North Belmont Gun Club and the Bay Shore Gun Club.

At Hannibal, Missouri, July 21, 1886, Calvin B. Taylor married Mattie Collins. The only child of this union, Thomas Collins, died in early infancy.

Mr. Taylor died May 31, 1932, and was interred in Buckingham Cemetery, Berlin. This memoir has been but a brief sketch of his career; and though the mere facts of that career are in themselves impressive, it would not be possible here to deal adequately with the personality which found expression in so full a life. Something of his character was thus summarized for us by one who knew him:

"... His activities and achievements portray only in a small degree the real man. Modest and unpretentious, one had to know him to appreciate his fine character and makeup. His humble and commonplace way, his simplicity, sincerity of purpose and temperament would seem both endowed and cultivated. Always having at heart the welfare of others, his unseen hand reached out to aid those in misfortune and need."

In losing a man of such a character, and a man of such endowments, which had been employed unstintingly for the benefit of his community and his friends, the Eastern Shore lost a rare personality, whose name and deeds it will not forget.



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Frank Parsons, Jr.

**REESE FARRELL CROPPER** has for some years been active both in banking and insurance in his native city of Berlin.

He is the son of Joseph G. and Elizabeth Alice (Turner) Cropper, his father having been a farmer in Worcester County. Mr. Cropper was born March 9, 1903, and attended the public and high schools of Worcester County. After completing his education he became associated with the Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company of Berlin. Starting as a clerk in 1920, he was promoted, in 1929, to the position of cashier. In that year, his interests grew to include the insurance business, and he became a partner in the Smith and Cropper Insurance Agency. At the death of his partner in 1936, he purchased Mr. Smith's interest, but continues to handle the business under the original name of Smith and Cropper. The firm handles all varieties of insurance with the exception of life insurance. Mr. Cropper continues his connection with the Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company, being a stockholder, and serving as its cashier. He served one term as president of Group Six, Maryland Bankers Association.

Mr. Cropper is a Democrat in political affiliation. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Evergreen Lodge No. 153, at Berlin. He also belongs to the Berlin Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to the Lions Club of Berlin. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On November 4, 1927, in Berlin, Reese Farrell Cropper married Virginia L. Esham, daughter of Joseph H. and Jennie E. (Powell) Esham, her father being a farmer in Worcester County. They are the parents of four children: 1. Joan Lee, born November 26, 1931. 2. Patricia Elizabeth, born January 26, 1933. 3. Virginia Ellen, born September 1, 1940. 4. Reese Farrell, Jr., born March 1, 1941.

**FRANK PARSONS, JR.**—At the tip of the long peninsula formed by the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay, lies Cape Charles where Frank Parsons, Jr., makes his home. A self-made man and veteran in several phases of business and industrial activities, he enjoys the fruits of his endeavors, a gentleman of many friends and large acquaintance.

Mr. Parsons was born at Capeville, Virginia, on December 30, 1872, son of Frank and Susan Ann (Whitehead) Parsons, and a member of one of the oldest American families. Not born to wealth or any heritage but a good sound body and mind, he acquired a limited education under difficulties. He followed in the footsteps of his father, who was a captain, and went to sea. At the age of seventeen years he had become a captain of a sailing vessel plying the inland waterways.

When twenty-five years old Captain Parsons decided to go into something that held a larger opportunity than his occupation offered, so he went to the Eaton and Burnett Business College and was graduated in June, 1899. Returning to his home in Capeville, he entered into the sawmill trade with his father under the name of Frank Parsons and Son. In 1903 he purchased his father's interest in the business and thereafter operated it for forty-five years without partners, under the old title. Down through this long period he saw lumber of many types, changing with the times, ranging from many kinds that went into the construction of buildings, to the making of barrels for the use of farmers and vegetable growers. It was not until 1941 that he disposed of his business.

During the time that Frank Parsons, Jr., was a sawmill man he acquired some choice properties mainly in Cape Charles and Northampton County, in the North, and also invested in the Fort Lauderdale section of southern Florida, and the Indian River region of that state. He is the owner of the Boulevard Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, and spends his winters enjoying the sunshine and attractions of a fine part of the East Coast. Mr. Parsons has been a member of the board of directors of several banks and other institutions, is a former president of the Cape Charles Rotary Club. During World War I he registered for service but the Armistice was signed and hostilities ceased before he was called. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church at Cape Charles and in Florida, in both places being a highly esteemed man, an ever-ready contributor to civic and religious projects.

In November, 1906, Frank Parsons, Jr., married Margaret Lee Willis, daughter of George W. and Eugene (Travis) Willis, at her home, Arlington Mansion, in Northampton. Her father served under General J. E. B. Stuart in the Confederate Army Cavalry, during the Civil War and after the war became a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Jr., became the parents of two children: 1. George Francis, who is a graduate of Capeville High School and of Washington and Lee University. He volunteered for Army service in World War II, as a private and received his honorable discharge with the rank of first lieutenant. He married Ella Rose Patain of Louisiana. 2. Margaret Louise, who is a graduate of Capeville High School and Hollins College, and of the Cincinnati Conservatory with a Master's degree in music. She married Charles W. Dickinson, 3rd, a graduate of Richmond College, who is presently associated with the State Corporation Commission at Richmond, Virginia, where they reside. He was a lieutenant senior grade, United States Navy, aviation branch, in World War II, and served as flight instructor. They have two sons: Charles W., 4th, born April 4, 1943; and Frank Parsons, born in August, 1945. Mrs. Frank Parsons, Jr., died June 10, 1932.

Among the earliest records of the Parsons name in Great Britain were those of William Persona of County Norfolk in 1273. One branch of the family in England is said to have descended from Ralph Parsons of Northamptonshire about 1560, who was the father of John of Buckinghamshire. Another early line was that descended from Thomas Parsons of Oxfordshire in the latter half of the sixteenth century. About 1680 one Richard Parsons was living in Hampshire. It is not definitely known from which of the many lines of the family in England all of the early American emigrants were descended, but it is generally believed that all of the Parsons were of extremely ancient origin and, in many cases, of common ancestry at a remote period.

**LEVIN R. WILSON**, who conducts a funeral home and undertaking business at Princess Anne, was born at Wetipquin, Maryland, on September 14, 1909, the son of Winder W. and Minnie L. (Phillips) Wilson. His father, now deceased, was a farmer, carpenter, and canner.

Levin R. Wilson attended the public school of Eden. After leaving school he worked on his father's farm at Eden for about five years and then went to Salisbury and became associated with Hill & Johnson, undertakers, with whom he learned the undertaking business. He remained with this firm for a



number of years. With this experience behind him, in July, 1947, he severed his connection with Hill & Johnson and opened his own funeral home in Princess Anne, at 116 Main Street. He has a seating capacity of one hundred and twenty-five in his well-ordered funeral home, and he also maintains a large showroom. Mr. Wilson does his own embalming, and in addition to his regular undertaking business handles all kinds of monuments and headstones. He is very progressive and has an enviable reputation for honest and straightforward dealings.

Mr. Wilson already takes a very active interest in community affairs in Princess Anne. He is Boy Scout Master of Troop No. 145 of Princess Anne, and is a member of the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Department, as well as a member of the Princess Anne Rotary Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. He and his family attend the Methodist Church.

Levin R. Wilson married, on January 6, 1934, at Eastville, Virginia, Frances C. Insley, a graduate of Nanticoke High School and of Maryland State Teachers College, and for the past fourteen years a teacher in the public schools of Wicomico County. She is the daughter of George W. and Lucille (Layfield) Insley, the latter deceased. Her father, George W. Insley, who is still living, was at one time the largest farm owner in Bivalve, and he is a former county commissioner of Wicomico County. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have one daughter, Mildred L. Wilson, born October 24, 1934.

**ISAIAH WILLIAM BAGWELL**—A member of one of Virginia's oldest families, Isaiah William Bagwell of Onancock has long been prominent in the business and civic life of the Eastern Shore. He is the president of the Bagwell Oil Company, Inc., wholesale refined oil concern. He is also president and a director of the First National Bank of Onancock.

Mr. Bagwell was born in this Accomack County community on December 22, 1881, and is the son of Isaiah William and Sarah Poulson (Edwards) Bagwell. The family dates back to 1608 when Henry Bagwell emigrated, at the age of twenty-five years, from Devonshire, England, to the New World and settled in the Virginia Colony, at Jamestown.

Educated in the public schools of Accomack County, the second Isaiah William Bagwell followed various occupational interests for ten years. These took him far from home. At the end of that period he returned to his native county and for ten years operated a garage and automobile accessory business. In 1922 he made the transition from this field of operations into the closely related one of wholesale refined oils. When he established the Bagwell Oil Company, Inc., he became the distributor in his region of the Eastern Shore of the products of the Pure Oil Company. This business he has built to the point where he operates four trucks. With himself as president, Mr. Bagwell operates the business in association with his son, Isaiah William Bagwell, III, who is vice president. Among his many other activities the elder Mr. Bagwell's presidency of the First National Bank of Onancock ranks high. He worships in the Methodist Church and is independent in politics.

Mr. Bagwell married Eugenia Taylor of Pungoteague, Virginia, on June 20, 1917. Isaiah William Bagwell, III, is the younger of two children born to

the marriage. The other is Sarah L., now Mrs. Harry LeCato Smith, Jr., and the mother of two sons and one daughter: Harry LeCato Smith, III, Douglas Bagwell Smith, and Sally Smith. Isaiah W. Bagwell, III, who was educated at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, is a veteran of World War II, in the maritime service. He married Ann Nelson of Onancock, and they are the parents of Linda Dryden Bagwell, and Isaiah William Bagwell, IV. He has been associated with his father in the oil business since his return to civilian life.

**D. ALLEN FIELDS, M.D.**—During the more than two decades of service to humanity in Wicomico County, Dr. D. Allen Fields became one of the most honored men in his profession. As a family physician he was beloved for his unfailing attention to the health of his patients, as well as a friendliness in his contacts outside the sick room. He was closely identified with civic affairs, and no worthy project failed to enlist his hearty co-operation.

Dr. Daniel Allen Fields was born at Laurinburg, North Carolina, on March 3, 1898, son of James Thaddeus and Belle (Tedder) Fields. His father was a well-known pharmacist and substantial citizen of Laurinburg. His mother, born on December 2, 1872, at Mars Bluff, South Carolina, died on March 1, 1946.

Dr. Fields attended Laurinburg schools and prepared for higher education in the Georgia Military Academy, where he was valedictorian of his class. For two years he studied medicine at the University of North Carolina, and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Maryland in 1924. He interned at the University of Maryland Hospital.

During World War I, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry at Plattsburg, New York, in 1917; and during World War II, he was a medical examiner for draftees.

In September, 1924, he established himself in the practice of his profession in Nanticoke, Maryland, where he maintained an office for twenty-two years. He was most prominent as a family physician, and was eminently recognized as a diagnostician. Throughout his career his interest in medical developments and techniques never ceased. As his practice throughout a large section of Wicomico County increased, it became necessary to open a second office in Salisbury, in 1939.

Dr. Fields was greatly interested in the progress of the Peninsula General Hospital, of which he was a member of the staff. He belonged to the American Medical Association, the Maryland State Medical Association, and was former president of the Wicomico County Medical Society. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and was liberal in his contributions to religious and charitable works.

Dr. D. Allen Fields married Dorothy Barker at Washington, D. C., on January 7, 1925. Dorothy (Barker) Fields was born at Kennebunk, Maine, July 3, 1900, the daughter of Dr. Justin Starr Barker and Edna (Straw) Barker. She is a graduate of Hollins College, Hollins, Virginia, from which she received the degree of Bachelor of Music. Edna (Straw) Barker was born in Saco, Maine, August 10, 1870, and died April 29, 1929. Dr. Justin Starr Barker was born in



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Effingham, New Hampshire, February 26, 1866, and died February 17, 1936. Dr. and Mrs. Fields are the parents of the following daughters, all born in Nanticoke: 1. Ann, born June 1, 1926. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland, having received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1947. 2. Jane, born October 7, 1927. She, too, graduated from the University of Maryland, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in 1948. On June 7, 1948, she married Earl Miller Beardsley, a medical student at the University of Maryland. 3. Nancy, born March 18, 1929. She graduated from Stuart Hall, Staunton, Virginia, in 1947, and now attends the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. 4. Priscilla, born May 28, 1931. She is also a graduate of Stuart Hall, class of 1948, and is now attending Colby Junior College, New London, New Hampshire.

Second only to his family and profession was Dr. Field's enthusiasm for hunting and fishing. During the sporting season his home in Nanticoke was always open to his many friends who shared his enthusiasm for these sports. His death occurred at Nanticoke, on June 23, 1946.

**WILLIAM TWILLEY MALONE**, member of the firm of architects of Malone and Williams, has been associated with the construction field since the beginning of the century. His present connection dates from 1932, and he has during that time become one of the most prominent representatives of his profession on the Eastern Shore, and is at present the chairman of the Maryland State Board of Examiners and Registration of Architects.

A son of Peter A. Malone, a building contractor, and Mary W. Malone, William Twilley Malone was born in Allen, Maryland, July 4, 1884. He received his education in the local public schools, and is a graduate of the International Correspondence Schools in Architecture.

Mr. Malone's career began in 1900 when he entered the contracting business with his father, Peter A. Malone. From that time until 1916, he was engaged in contracting, and in 1917, the year of this country's entrance into World War I, he worked in a government shipyard. In 1918 Mr. Malone became a draftsman with the firm of E. S. Adkins and Company, prominent Eastern Shore millwork firm with offices in Salisbury, and he remained with this concern until 1925, when he went to Washington, D. C., also in the capacity of draftsman. In 1932 Mr. Malone returned from the nation's capital and entered partnership with Ralph W. Williams in founding the firm of Malone and Williams, in which he has remained a partner to the present time. The firm concerns itself with residential, educational, commercial, and industrial architecture, and has a sound reputation throughout the Eastern Shore. Its offices are in Salisbury.

As a leading member of his profession on the Eastern Shore, Mr. Malone was appointed in 1943 by Governor O'Connor to membership on the Board of Examiners and Registration of Architects. In 1948, Governor Lane re-appointed him to this board for a second five-year term, and he is at the present time its chairman. Mr. Malone is a member of the Baltimore Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Fraternally, William T. Malone is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of Wicomico Lodge No. 91. He is a Thirty-second degree member of the Ancient Accepted

Scottish Rite at Baltimore; is a member of Boumi Temple in Baltimore of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and of the Oasis of Baltimore. He was venerable master of the Salisbury Lodge of Perfection, 1946-1947, and is a member of the Scottish Rite Quartette. Mr. Malone is also a member, and past president, of the Salisbury Rotary Club. He is active in the work of his church, the Allen Methodist, which congregation he serves as a member of the board of trustees and as a member of the board of stewards. He was district lay leader of the Salisbury District Peninsula Conference from 1941 to 1949.

William Twilley Malone has been twice married. He married, first, at Allen, Maryland, on October 15, 1913, Beatrice Jones, daughter of John W. and Williamanna Jones. To William Twilley and Beatrice (Jones) Malone, four children were born: 1. James T., born November 17, 1914. 2. Lt. Col. William F., born August 2, 1916, Battalion Commander, 13th Armored Division. 3. Robert R., born July 9, 1918, who served in the United States Marines during World War II, attained the rank of lieutenant, and was killed in action on Okinawa on May 9, 1945. 4. John A., who was born November 5, 1926, and who served twenty-two months in the Navy.

William Twilley Malone married, second, at Salisbury, on June 26, 1937, Mary Ann Lankford, daughter of Marion E. and Eleanora C. Lankford. They make their home in Allen, Maryland.

**RALPH WASHINGTON WILLIAMS**, noted Eastern Shore architect, is a member of the firm of Malone and Williams, of Salisbury. With thirty years' experience in his field, he has proven a constructive influence in the present-day development of this region of Maryland and Virginia.

Son of Carl James and Grace Elizabeth Williams, Mr. Williams was born in Salisbury, December 23, 1906. His late father was a well-known and highly regarded contractor and builder of Salisbury. Of the four children born to this marriage, Ralph W. Williams is the eldest. Two of his brothers, James C. and David W., are contractors, and were associated with their father in business until the time of his death, September 11, 1947. They have since continued in business under the firm name of Carl J. Williams and Sons. Ralph W. Williams also has a sister, Mrs. Otis Long, of Princess Anne.

Mr. Williams was educated locally, and graduated from the Wicomico County High School in Salisbury. In 1921 he became architectural draftsman for the firm of E. S. Adkins and Company of Salisbury, with which he remained for two years. From 1924 to 1932 he was associated with the firm of Clyde N. and Nelson Friz, Architects, of Baltimore, also in the capacity of architectural draftsman. Returning to the Eastern Shore in 1932, he established a private practice of architecture as a partner of William Twilley Malone, the resultant firm being known as Malone and Williams, Architects, and this partnership has continued to the present time. Mr. Williams is a member of the Baltimore Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Williams is a member of Wicomico Lodge No. 91. He belongs to the order of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Baltimore, and to Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, also of that city. He holds

the Thirty-second degree in Masonry. Mr. Williams is also a member of the Lions Club of Salisbury. He is a communicant of St. Andrew's Methodist Church of Salisbury, serving that congregation as a member of the board of stewards and as superintendent of the Sunday school.

At Easton, April 7, 1932, Ralph Washington Williams married Evelyn May Harmon, daughter of William Henry and Minnie May Harmon. They are the parents of two children: 1. Susan Jane, born February 7, 1939. 2. Daniel Harmon, born July 19, 1943.

**CLINTON KING DUNCAN**—The story of the business career of Clinton King Duncan of Pocomoke City, can be divided into two almost equal parts, the first of which was salesmanship; the second, and not so different, the large-scale distribution of petroleum products and certain automobile supplies. In both fields of endeavor he has been successful.

Born in Accomack County, Virginia, on September 14, 1897, he is the son of William B. and Florence O. (Taylor) Duncan, both also natives of Accomack County. His father, a farmer, was an influential Democrat and a popular Mason. Clinton King Duncan acquired his academic education in the Pocomoke City grade and high schools, and then attended Goldey Business College. His first occupation of note was as a salesman for Deiches and Company, jobbers of tobacco. He started with this concern in 1918 and continued the connection until 1932. In this year Mr. Duncan became the local representative of the Texas Oil Company, with headquarters in Pocomoke City, but with a territory that now covers Worcester and Somerset counties. He handles all kinds of petroleum products, Firestone tires and some other supplies to the automotive trade. A large number of trucks are used for distribution, and a large number of persons are employed. Like his father before him, Mr. Duncan is a Democrat in politics, and takes a full share in civic affairs. He is a member of the Pocomoke City Rotary Club, and attends the Presbyterian Church.

At Pocomoke City, in October, 1921, Clinton King Duncan married Rhoda Emily Walters, born in this city, daughter of Dr. Harry Walters and his wife Annie (Merrill) Walters. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan are the parents of a daughter: Martha Ann, born in Accomack County, Virginia, August 22, 1937.

**EDWARD DORSEY ELLIS ROLLINS**—An attorney at law practicing in Elkton, Edward Dorsey Ellis Rollins has also acquitted himself creditably in posts of public service, and has also found time for participation in organizational activities.

His father, Howard M. Rollins, was a native of Port Royal, Virginia, born there in 1869. Coming to Baltimore in the 1890s, he engaged in the commission business and served on the Baltimore City Council. He was prominent as a member of the Knights of Pythias, and was a communicant of the Baptist Church. He married Frances Freeburger, a native of Alexandria, Virginia. Their children were: 1. Ruth, who married Edward S. Brittain, and they had one daughter Doris, who married Frederick May. After the death of Mr. Brittain, his widow married Arthur H. Schultz. 2. Howard Montague, Jr., now deceased; he married Edna Albrecht and they had one son, Howard Montague, III. 3. Edward Dorsey Ellis.

Frances (Freeburger) Rollins died in 1906, and Howard Montague Rollins married, second, her sister, Alice Freeburger.

Edward Dorsey Ellis Rollins, the third child listed above, was born on November 15, 1899, in Baltimore, where he was educated in the public schools and at Baltimore City College High School. In April of 1917, which was the year of his graduation, the young man, like so many others of his generation, wished for action in the service of his country, and enlisted in the United States Navy on April 19, 1917. After a period of training at St. Helena Training Station, Norfolk, he was sent, in August, 1918, to Nova Scotia, and shortly became chief yeoman. He was discharged on June 16, 1919. Ever since his period of service he has been active in the Forty and Eight and the American Legion, and he has served as commander of Cecil Post No. 15, at Elkton, and one term as judge advocate of the Department of Maryland.

After discharge he returned to Baltimore and entered the University of Maryland Law College, from which he was graduated in June, 1922, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was a member of the Gamma Eta Gamma fraternity.

In 1921 he became secretary of the Medical Service of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore until 1927, when he moved to Elkton and entered the private practice of law. This practice has been successful, and no less so has been Mr. Rollins' entry into public life.

He was, in 1931, elected States Attorney for Cecil County, being re-elected to that office each successive term until January, 1943. A Republican, he was, in 1944, one of that party's alternates to the national convention.

During World War II, he served as chief air raid warden in charge of Civilian Defense for Cecil County. A member of the board of directors of Union Hospital, he was, between 1941 and 1943, finance chairman in charge of raising funds for the erection of a new hospital building, and is now a member of its board of directors. He has been a trustee of Washington College since 1936.

Mr. Rollins' professional memberships include the American, the Maryland and the Cecil County bar associations. As member of the Knights of Columbus, he was a delegate to the national convention in Boston in 1947, and a Grand Knight of the Bishop Becker Council 2427, and he served one term as one of the district deputies for the State of Maryland. He is an adherent of the Roman Catholic faith.

Edward Dorsey Ellis Rollins married Elizabeth Regina Andrews, daughter of John Oliver and Mary Regina (Martin) Andrews, on September 5, 1925. They have three children: 1. Nancy Norris, who married H. Boynes Crowgrey of Cecil County. 2. Edward Dorsey Ellis, Jr. 3. Elizabeth Lloyd.

**ARNOLD DAANE**, editor and publisher of the Cambridge paper "The Daily Banner," came to this community with ample and varied experience in the publishing business. Such experience is a vital possession, in one who responsibly directs the constructive force of the press toward the maintenance of a thinking, and hence democratic, citizenry.

Born in Oostburg, Wisconsin, January 23, 1892, Arnold Daane was the son of Peter J. and Johanna Daane. Peter J. Daane was a merchant in that place, and later lived in Hull, Iowa, where Arnold attended elementary school. He graduated from high school in





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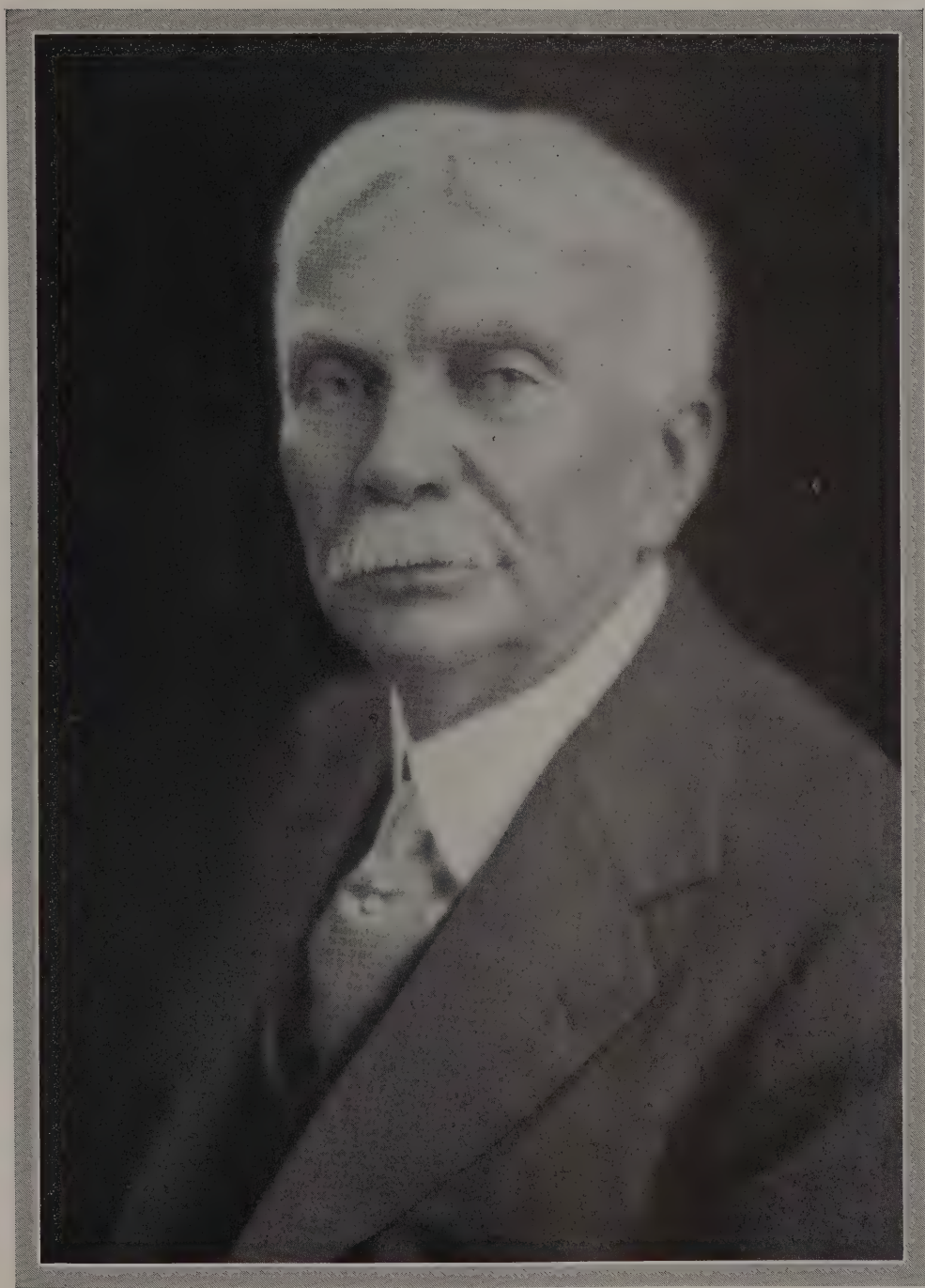






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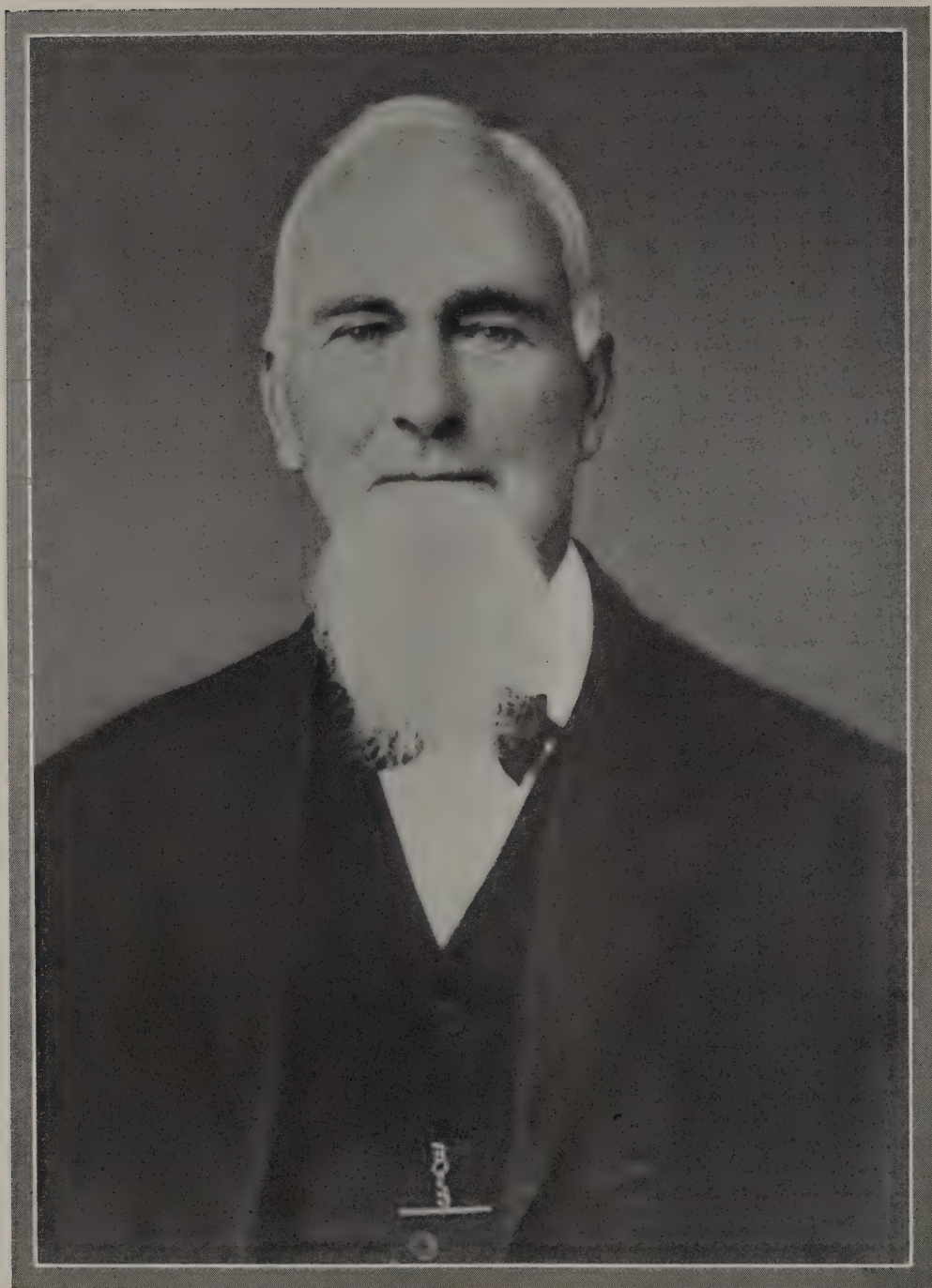


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WILLIAM DICKERSON CORDDRY, SR.

Austin, Minnesota, and attended the University of Chicago for three years, though he did not graduate. During World War I he served in the United States Navy. His experience in the newspaper field began when he became co-publisher of the "Mower County News," in Austin, Minnesota. Subsequently, he was co-publisher of the "Daily Herald," in the same city. He also worked as an editorial writer for the "Pioneer Press," in St. Paul. Later he was specialist in information in the United States Department of Agriculture, and was associated during World War II with the Office of Strategic Services. He purchased "The Daily Banner" on February 1, 1940.

Mr. Daane is a member of the Rotary Club. He attends the Presbyterian Church while his family are of Methodist faith.

Arnold Daane married, in Washington, D. C., on September 21, 1944, Fannie Greene Allen, daughter of Hugh L. and Eleanor (Greene) Allen. Mrs. Allen is the mother, by a previous marriage, of two children: Emory J. Stafford, Jr., who was born May 12, 1931, and Hugh Allen Stafford, born February 23, 1935.

**THOMAS WHITELEY SIMMONS**, active in the practice of law in his native Cambridge, has had an interesting career in banking in New York City as well as in Cambridge.

Mr. Simmons was born in Cambridge, August 17, 1867, the son of Josiah S. and Leah Catherine (Beckwith) Simmons, both of Dorchester County, where his father was a merchant. He was educated in the Cambridge public schools. At the age of sixteen he went to work for the National Bank of Cambridge as a junior clerk, a post he held until he was twenty-one. He then became private secretary to John E. Hurst, senior partner of the firm of Hurst & Purnell in Baltimore. When he had been there only six months a group of influential men in Cambridge joined forces to establish another bank in Cambridge and asked him to return home to take charge of its organization. He accepted and organized the Dorchester National Bank. He also helped in the establishment of the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Cambridge, at this time. He then began the study of law with Governor Henry Lloyd and in 1892 was admitted to the Maryland bar. He practiced law in Cambridge until 1904, when he went to New York City to accept a position with the investment banking house of N. W. Harris & Company. After four years with that concern he was offered the management of the New York office of Bertron, Griscom & Jenks, then one of the largest bond-issuing houses dealing in bonds for public utility properties in the United States. He held that position for four years and then became partner in the firm of C. E. Wells & Company, which was engaged in operations on the New York Stock Exchange. This partnership was shortly dissolved by the death of Mr. Wells, and Mr. Thomas decided to return to Cambridge and the practice of law. Soon after, in 1916, Governor Emerson C. Harrington appointed him to the office of Secretary of State in Maryland and he filled this office during World War I and after, serving until 1920. He then spent several years in investment banking in New York City before making his final return to Cambridge to place his enriched experience at the service of his legal clients. Since then he has engaged continuously in the practice of law in Cambridge.

Mr. Simmons is a Democrat in political affiliation, and he is a member of Christ Episcopal Church. His favorite hobby has always been hunting.

He married in 1892, Laura Fletcher of Cambridge,

the daughter of John W. and Susan (Higgins) Fletcher. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons are the parents of six children: Harriett Ruth; Lawrence Howard; Mary Higgins; Thomas Whitely, Jr.; Anna Howard; and John Frederick.

**CHARLES W. CORDDRY, SR.**—For many years one of the prominent lumber executives of Snow Hill, Charles W. Corddry, Sr., has contributed significantly toward the development of business in this city. His thorough knowledge and sincerity in all business dealings have earned for him a sterling reputation among many friends and associates.

Mr. Corddry was born February 3, 1871, at Snow Hill, Maryland, son of William Dickerson, Sr., and Mary (Porter) Corddry. His father, a native of Laurel, Delaware, was a carpenter and builder by occupation, served as an undertaker for the government during the Civil War, and in politics voted independently.

After attending the public schools of Snow Hill, Mr. Corddry became associated with his father's firm, William D. Corddry and Sons, at Snow Hill, in 1883. The company manufactured lumber, boxes, and building materials of all kinds. For a good many years he held ever increasingly important positions with the firm calling for more and more responsibility and experience. In time he rose to the position of vice president. Within recent years The Corddry Company has expanded to a great extent due in large measure to the business foresight and acumen of Mr. Corddry. In addition to this business interest, Mr. Corddry has served in the past as vice president and director of the Commercial National Bank of Snow Hill.

In politics, he is an independent Democrat. He twice served as mayor of Snow Hill, carrying on a progressive and enlightened administration, and for fifteen years served as chief of the Snow Hill Fire Department. His military record includes membership in Company L of the First Maryland Regiment of the National Guard. He also is active with the Del-Mar-Va Lumbermen's Association. In religious preference he adheres to the Methodist faith, and attends the Whatcoat Methodist Church of Snow Hill, and acts as a trustee in this religious citadel.

Charles W. Corddry, Sr., married (first) Flora S. Vincent at Snow Hill, and they became the parents of one child, Margaret Corddry. He married (second) Machree Allender at Baltimore, Maryland, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Charles W., Jr. 2. Rosemary E. 3. Joe A.

**HARRIS STAGG CORDDRY**—As secretary and treasurer of The Corddry Company, of Snow Hill, Harris Stagg Corddry has established himself as a leading business executive of this city. His many years of experience in the lumber industry and his wise judgment have been important factors in the substantial success of the firm.

Mr. Corddry was born October 29, 1888, at Snow Hill, Maryland, son of William Dickerson, Jr., and Elizabeth Montgomery (Stagg) Corddry. His father was born July 12, 1863, and died March 25, 1943. The elder Mr. Corddry was a lumber dealer by occupation, served as president of the County Trust Company at Snow Hill, and being a Democrat in political preference, served in the Maryland Legislature, and several times filled the office of mayor of Snow Hill. The mother was born November 25, 1862, and passed away November 19, 1939. William Dickerson, Sr., and Mary



(Porter) Corddry were the grandparents of Harris Staggs Corddry, the former a native of Laurel, Delaware, and the latter of Accomack County, Virginia.

Harris Staggs Corddry received his early education in the public schools of Snow Hill, was graduated from high school there, in 1905, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Washington College in 1908.

After completing his formal training, Mr. Corddry became associated with his father in the elder Mr. Corddry's lumber enterprise at Snow Hill. This firm, which had been founded in 1883, specialized in the manufacture of lumber and building materials and packing boxes. In addition it operated a coal yard. Mr. Corddry learned the many facets of the lumber business, holding positions of increasing importance and responsibility as the years went by. He now serves the firm in the capacity of secretary and treasurer. As a company executive he has done much to develop correct policy and modern technological improvement. His foresight and leadership have been of great aid in maintaining the continued success of this thriving lumber enterprise. William H. Corddry serves the firm as president, and Charles W. Corddry as vice president.

Mr. Corddry is active in many varied phases of community life. In connection with his business he is a member of the Middle Atlantic Lumbermen's Association. He is a director of the Snow Hill Building and Loan Association. A Democrat in politics, he serves as a member of the Worcester County Board of Education. He also does important work as a member of the Board of Governors of Washington College. He is also connected with the Del-Mar-Va Lumbermen's Association, serving this organization as secretary. In civic affairs he has been active for years in the many phases of the work of the Rotary Club. In religious faith an Episcopalian, he serves as a vestryman in the local Episcopal Church.

On October 25, 1917, Harris Staggs Corddry married (first) Rose T. Irwin, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Alexandra Irwin. 2. William Harris. On March 2, 1935, Harris Corddry married (second) Emily Stevenson, and they became the parents of one child, Riley Stevenson Corddry, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**GLENN THOMAS JAMES**, publisher and managing editor of the "Queen Anne's Record-Observer," of Centreville and vice-president of the Queen Anne's Record and Observer Publishing Company, Inc., is a comparative newcomer to Centreville, but he has identified himself with its interests and takes an active part in community life.

He was born in Laurel, Delaware, on December 5, 1917, the son of John Jonathan and Bessie May (Jefferson) James, both natives of Delaware. The forebears of the James family settled on the Delaware Peninsula in the early seventeen hundreds on a grant of a thousand acres.

Glenn Thomas James attended the public schools of Laurel, graduating from the Laurel High School in 1936. He played basketball while in high school and was the first editor of the high school newspaper, thus gaining his initial experience in his chosen profession. During the summers he worked, and in the summer of 1934 he began working in the shop of the "State Register" of Laurel. After his graduation he began working for the Salisbury, Maryland "Advertiser," and he remained with this newspaper until

1939, when he became manager of the commercial printing department of the "Sussex Countian" at Georgetown, Delaware. The following year, however, he returned to the "State Register" at Laurel, as advertising manager. He held this post until 1942, and in that year became editor of the "Queen Anne's Record-Observer" at Centreville, a history of which follows this record. In 1946 Mr. James, having proved an able editor, became publisher and managing editor of the paper and vice-president of the Queen Anne's Record and Observer Publishing Company, Inc. He takes an active interest in newspaper publishing throughout the Delaware and Maryland region, has served as president of the Delmarva Press Association and two terms as president of the Maryland Press Association, and is now serving as a member of the executive board and advisory council of the latter organization. He is a director of the Queen Anne's County Red Cross, a director of the Easton Memorial Hospital, and very active in Boy Scout work. As a past president of the Centreville Rotary Club and a past secretary of the Centreville Businessmen's Association, he has done much to further civic enterprises, and he is always quick to lend the influence of his newspaper to the support of worthwhile causes. Mr. James is a member of the Episcopal Church.

On October 11, 1945, he married Laura Evelyn White, a native of Queen Anne's County. She graduated from Washington College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and taught school for about five years before her marriage. There are two children: Joyce Ann and Glenn Asa.

**"QUEEN ANNE'S RECORD-OBSERVER"**—Intimately identified with the community life of Centreville and of Queen Anne's County, the "Queen Anne's Record-Observer," although it has existed under its present name only a dozen years, has a long and honorable history connected with the two newspapers which, in 1936, merged to continue under the new name. In its origins it dates back to the year 1824 when the first issue of the "Centreville Times and Eastern Shore Advertiser" appeared on July 16, edited by John B. Spencer, who lived on a farm on the Corsica River.

The "Centreville Times" was a Whig newspaper and gave full support to the policies of the Whig party, which was then in power. It had a number of editors in the years that followed, under one of whom, Samuel Sullivan, it functioned as an organ of the American or "Know-Nothing" party. In 1838 Queen Anne's County's first Democratic newspaper was established under the name of "Freedom's Sentinel," and the rivalry between the two papers was at times extremely lively. "Freedom's Sentinel," which afterwards became "The Centreville State Rights Advocate" and eventually "The State Rights Advocate and Maryland Sentinel" was known for its fiery editorials and in 1864, when the State of Maryland was wavering between two opinions, particularly in the southern counties, the Federal troops made a raid on its printing offices and destroyed both its files and its presses, strewing type along Lawyers' Row. Certain copies from January, 1860, to September, 1861, were preserved and presented later to the Enoch Pratt Library and the Centreville Free Public Library, and they bear witness to the hot political passions that found vent in the rival newspapers of that period. Shortly after this episode, the business







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of the "Centreville Times" changed hands, being purchased on July 26, 1864 by the late William W. Busted and Charles T. Loveday, who published it thereafter under a black title-head reading "The Observer." On December sixth of that same year, Mr. Loveday sold his interest to Mr. Busted, who continued as editor and publisher for many years, being joined in 1871 by his brother Charles A. Busted. Later William J. Price, Jr., became associated with the newspaper, and after Mr. Busted's death he was for the greater part of the time in sole charge, until July 1, 1912, when the enterprise became incorporated as the Centreville Observer Publishing Company, a name it retained until its merger with Queen Anne's Record Publishing Company in 1936. The paper prospered and grew under Mr. Price's direction, and under the editorship of S. Charles Walls, who had joined it in 1905, it assumed an important place in the weekly newspaper field of the entire state. After the great fire of 1902 in Centreville, the Observer plant was moved from the Busted building to the burned out building previously occupied by the Queen Anne's National Bank, and thereafter it was published in this building, which was rebuilt and enlarged and became known as the Observer Building. In 1936, when the merger with "Queen Anne's Record" took place, the Observer plant was dismantled, and the new paper was printed in the Record building, which is now known as the Record-Observer building.

"The Centreville Record," as it was originally called, was founded in 1874, by W. Scott Roberts as editor and owner. In the early nineteen hundreds it was bought by James N. Bright, who sold a half interest to the late Edwin H. Brown, Jr., in 1910. In 1912 the paper was moved to the old Perry Building, now the Record-Observer Building, and in 1913 Mr. Brown took over the ownership which he retained until the paper suspended publication in 1932. The following year the well-known New York advertising executive Owen B. Winters took over, in the belief that the fifty-eight-year old newspaper was "too young to die." He organized the Queen Anne's Record Publishing Company and on February 23, 1933, with the publication of the first issue of the "Queen Anne's Record," he expressed his thoughts and purposes in resurrecting the time-honored weekly in the following words:

"Here, asleep and futile awaiting the touch of practiced fingers were all the symbols of communication, type, the whole eloquent vocabulary of the English language. Here were words for telling the news, words for righting wrongs, words for selling goods. The Record should carry on.

"Then the mute press patiently waiting the sooty files, an unbroken chronicle of nearly sixty years. After such service in a community a newspaper becomes a living breathing thing."

The "Queen Anne's Record" quickly established itself as a virile, even crusading newspaper. It was breezy and written in interesting fashion, with numerous features and a 'tailored' layout. A number of its innovations were adopted by other newspapers on the Eastern Shore, and it has been said that the "Queen Anne's Record" did more to improve Shore newspapers in its brief existence than any other paper had done before. One of its most popular features was "Up and Down the Eastern Shore," which has been retained in the "Record-Observer."

In October, 1936, a stock company was organized to put through the purchase of both the "Queen Anne's Record" and the "Centreville Observer." This group, which was later incorporated as the Queen

Anne's Record-Observer Publishing Company, bought and merged the two older newspapers and on November 1, 1936, brought out the first issue of the "Queen Anne's Record-Observer." The following were officers of the company: Luther L. Gadd, president; S.E.W. Friel, Jr., vice president; William R. Horney, secretary; William H. Carter, treasurer.

Since that time the new-old newspaper has continued to serve the community. Sterling G. Harris was editor for some years, followed by Theodore E. Shea, then by John Thayer of New York for several months, and then by Mrs. Cleo Green. Glenn James (q.v.) has been editor since 1942. He is now publisher as well.

**LEE SETH GILLIS**—In practice as an attorney in his native Talbot County since 1938, Lee Seth Gillis is now trial magistrate for the county at Easton. He is also general manager of the St. Michaels Ice Company. He had a distinguished career with the army in World War II.

Mr. Gillis was born at St. Michaels on June 28, 1915, the son of two other well-known Eastern Shore residents, the late Marion H. Gillis, who was born in Wicomico County, and Mary (Baynard) Gillis, who like her son is a native of St. Michaels. The elder Mr. Gillis was an ice manufacturer and an agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Lee S. Gillis was educated in St. Michaels public schools, being graduated from the high school in 1931. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science from Washington College in 1935 and that of Bachelor of Laws from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1938. Upon his admission to the Maryland State Bar soon after obtaining his degree, Mr. Gillis established himself in practice at Easton, where, except for the period he spent in the military service during World War II, he has remained ever since. Mr. Gillis enlisted in the United States Army in May, 1941, and served until January 29, 1946, rising from private to captain. At first he was a special investigator for the criminal investigation division of the Provost Marshal's office, being later assigned to the Judge Advocate's Department, where his knowledge of the law provided an excellent opportunity for service during the war in this country and overseas. Since his return to civilian life he has been engaged in the general practice of law, and is also trial magistrate of Talbot County and general manager of his late father's business, the St. Michaels Ice Company.

Mr. Gillis, active in veterans' affairs is a member of both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Easton. He is also a member of the Easton Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Miles River Yacht Club and the Talbot County and Maryland State bar associations. He is a Methodist and a Democrat. He is fond of all sports.

Mr. Gillis married Florence Marie Kramer of Reading, Pennsylvania, on June 27, 1942. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Kramer. Mr. and Mrs. Gillis are the parents of two daughters: 1. Carol Lee, born on August 17, 1943. 2. Janet Marie, born on February 29, 1948.

**D. FRANK FOOKS**—Member of the legislature and a leading Eastern Shore business executive, the late D. Frank Fooks was one of the outstanding residents of Snow Hill. He was manager and treasurer of the Worcester Fertilizer Company, and active also in banking circles. During the 1930s, Mr. Fooks rep-



resented his district in the Maryland General Assembly, and served on several important committees.

Mr. Fooks was born February 7, 1869, at the Fooks homestead, Nassawango, near Snow Hill, son of De-witt Clinton and Mary Ann (Shockley) Fooks. His father, who was a farmer by occupation, was born February 1, 1836. He served for some time as sheriff of Worcester County, elected to that office on the Democratic ticket, having been throughout his life a loyal supporter of that party. His wife, the former Mary Ann Shockley, was born February 1, 1836. Both parents were descended from prominent families residing near Snow Hill.

Mr. Fooks attended public grade school in Snow Hill, after which he engaged for a number of years in his father's occupation of farming. A few years after his marriage in 1900, he moved to Snow Hill and subsequently bought the Houck property on Federal Street, where he and Mrs. Fooks resided until the end of his life. The house, remodeled and modernized, surrounded by its spacious and beautiful grounds, was and is one of the most attractive places in Snow Hill.

Entering the flour milling business shortly after taking up residence at Snow Hill, Mr. Fooks became associated with Charles L. Shockley. After five years of successful operation, Mr. Fooks withdrew from the firm, and engaged in launching a new enterprise, the Worcester Fertilizer Company. This firm, as its name implies, serves the entire county as its field of operation. Mr. Fooks was its prime mover, and became treasurer and manager of the corporation, which offices he held until the time of his death. He possessed in an unusual degree the confidence of the public; and, with the earnest and wholehearted co-operation of his associates, The Worcester Fertilizer Company soon took rank as one of the leading industries of the county, expanding and prospering with each succeeding year.

Mr. Fooks was active in other Eastern Shore organizations, being one of the founders of the Del-Mar-Va Fertilizer Association, which he served as secretary. He organized the Worcester Lumber Company, which operated extensively in Worcester County and in Virginia. Of this concern, Mr. Fooks became the chief executive. He was also vice president of the Eastern Shore Trust Company of Snow Hill, and a member of its board of directors.

A staunch Democrat in his politics, Mr. Fooks's advice was sought by people from all parts of the county on policies affecting his party. He was elected a member of the city council of Snow Hill, and later became its mayor, serving that office with ability and distinction for a term of two years, his administration being characterized by his interest in the welfare and advancement of the town. In 1930 he was elected by his party as a member of the Maryland General Assembly, and in the 1931 session served on several important committees, being active in legislation pertaining to the best interests of the county and the state. For reasons of health, Mr. Fooks did not attend the sessions of the 1933 legislature.

He was a member of the Nassawango Methodist Protestant Church, which is located near Snow Hill, and his interest in this quiet and secluded house of worship, growing from his boyhood days, never waned. In his conduct of business affairs, Mr. Fooks exhibited unbounded enthusiasm and an amazing capacity for hard work, qualities contributing in large measure to his success. He was a large-hearted man, genial and kindly by nature, and of cheerful disposition: a good companion and a faithful friend. Popular among all who knew him, he was a logical choice as leader in

Eastern Shore affairs, whether of a business, civic, or welfare nature.

D. Frank Fooks married, in 1900, Mary Ellen Barnes, daughter of Clarence Filmore and Sarah Ethlyn (Langford) Barnes, residents of the Pocomoke City vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Fooks adopted a daughter, Sarah Ethlyn Barnes Fooks, who was born on January 2, 1928. Both she and Mary Ellen (Barnes) Fooks survive Mr. Fooks, as do three sisters: Mrs. Benjamin T. Truitt, Sr.; Mrs. George Truitt, of Snow Hill; and Mrs. Carl Atwell, of Leamington, Ontario, Canada; and a brother, E. Hance Fooks, of Snow Hill.

Mr. Fooks died on June 4, 1933, and will long be remembered by Eastern Shore residents. His nature was characterized by integrity and rugged honesty, the undaunted courage of a brave spirit, broad vision and high ideals. His qualities of heart and mind had endeared him to a large circle of friends, who will continue to derive inspiration from a life nobly lived.

**JAMES PAGE BROWN**—One of the leading citizens of Church Hill, James Page Brown has made outstanding contributions toward the growth of this community. His work as an agriculturalist and banker of note have gained for him an enviable reputation among many friends and associates.

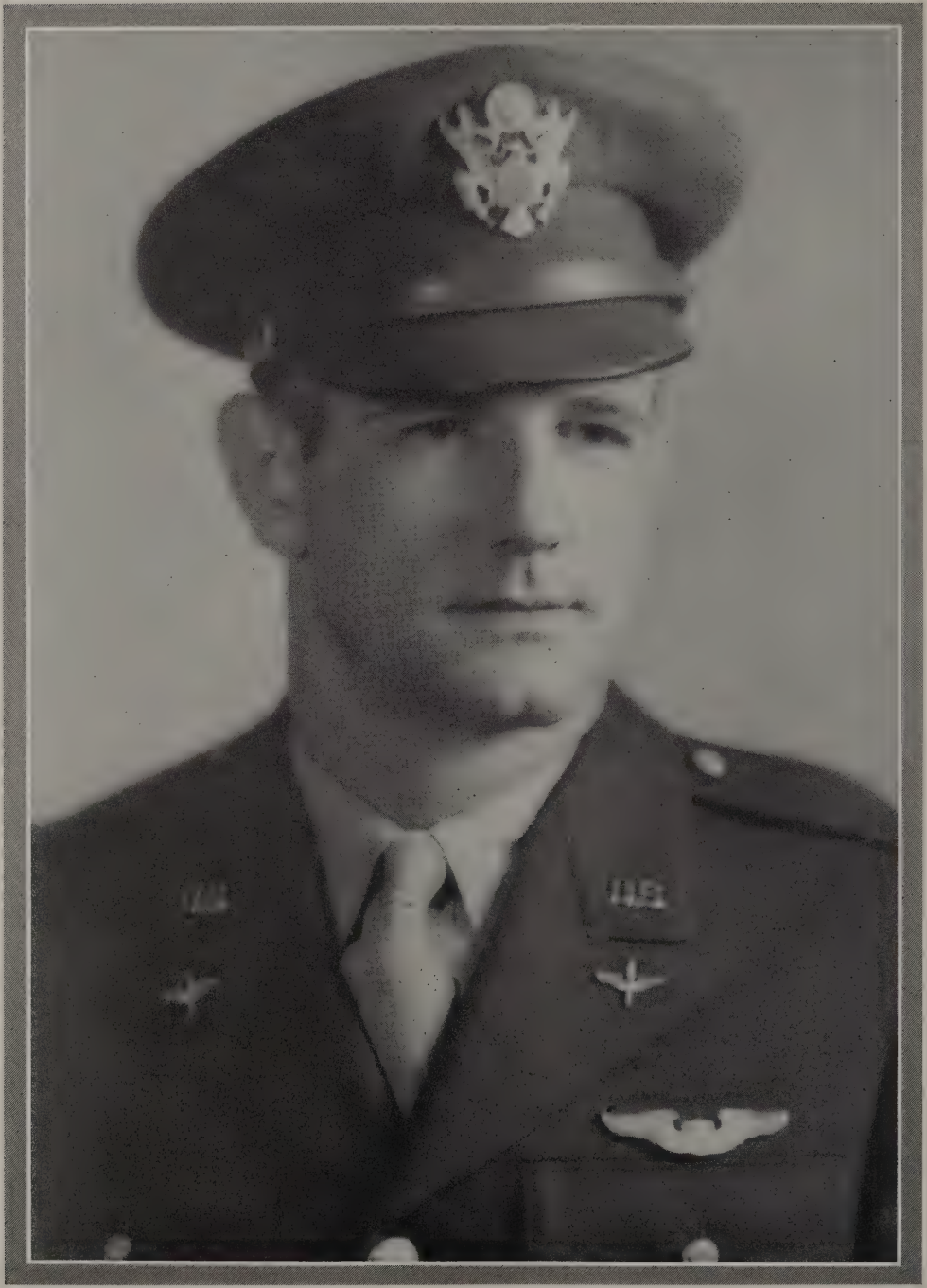
Mr. Brown was born February 24, 1873, at Ripley Farm, near Church Hill, son of James and Maria Sands (Page) Brown. The elder Mr. Brown, also a native of this farm, which had been given as a land grant by Lord Baltimore to an early member of the family, operated the Ripley Farm properties, was a director of the Centreville National Bank, president of the Queen Anne's County Home, and served as vestryman of St. Luke's Church. He married Maria Sands Page, a native of Unadilla, New York, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Arthur N. 2. James Page, of further mention. 3. Helen Elizabeth, who became the wife of Madison B. Bordley. 4. Ernest B.

James Page Brown received his elementary education in the Church Hill public schools. He then entered the Preparatory Department of Washington College, where he remained for two years. At the end of this period he matriculated at Marston's University School at Baltimore. After two years there, he completed his formal education at Johns Hopkins University. While at college he was a member of Delta Phi fraternity.

After finishing his institutional training, Mr. Brown became associated with the real estate firm known as the Roland Park Company. After a period of time spent successfully with this organization, he joined the Baltimore "Evening News," where he remained until about 1903. He then returned to Ripley Farm, the home of his birth, and from then on he spent a large part of his time looking after his farming interests. He was largely responsible for an improvement of the property and an increased productivity of the land. Throughout the years he has continued to take care of the property.

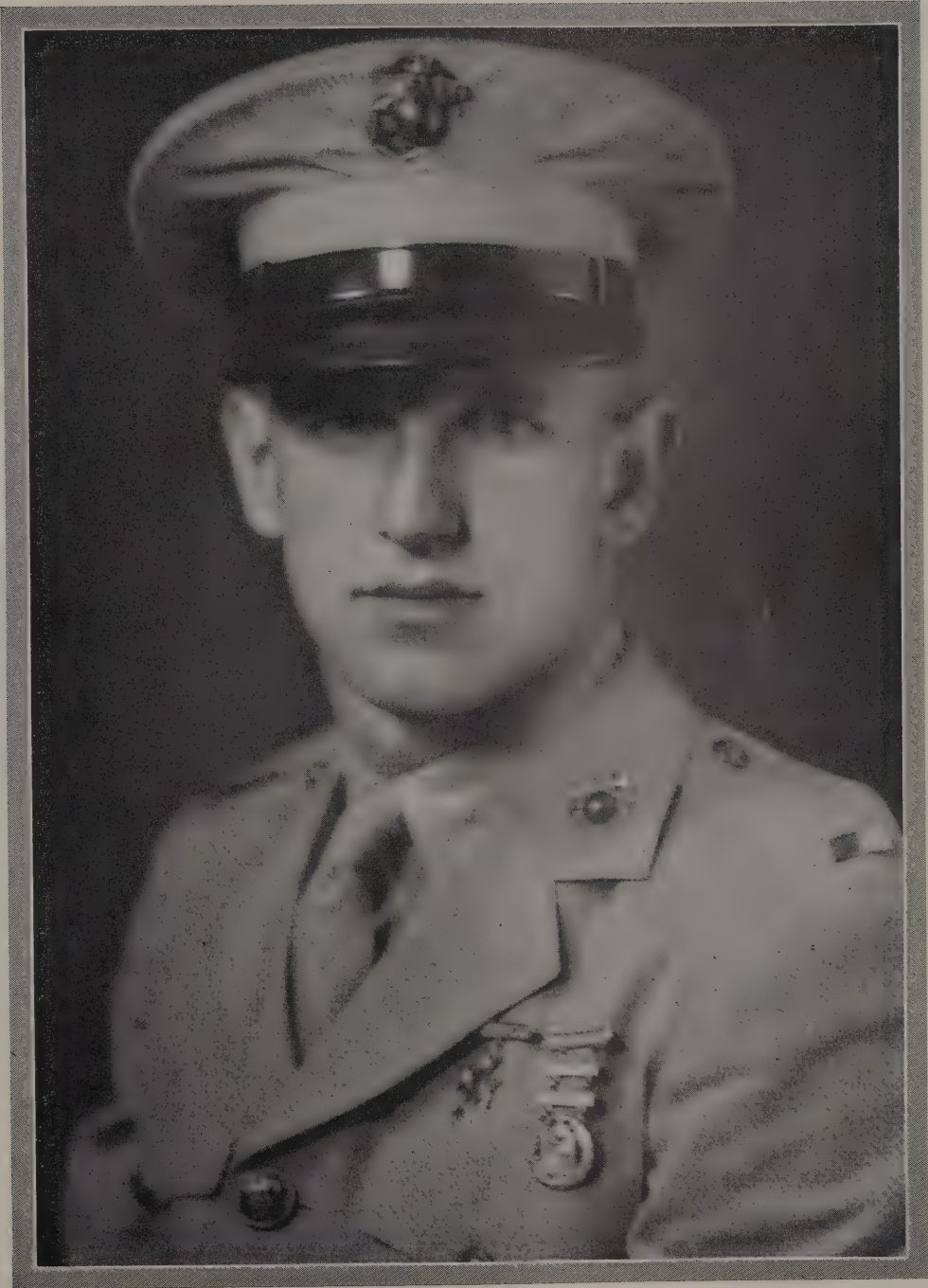
In addition, he has been active in the banking industry of Church Hill. He has served as a director and vice president of the Church Hill Bank of Maryland, and since 1921 has served as its president. He is a director and acts as a member of the Finance Committee of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent County. He has been a member of the Maryland Bankers Association for a number of years. Since 1926, he has served as a trustee of the Queen Anne's





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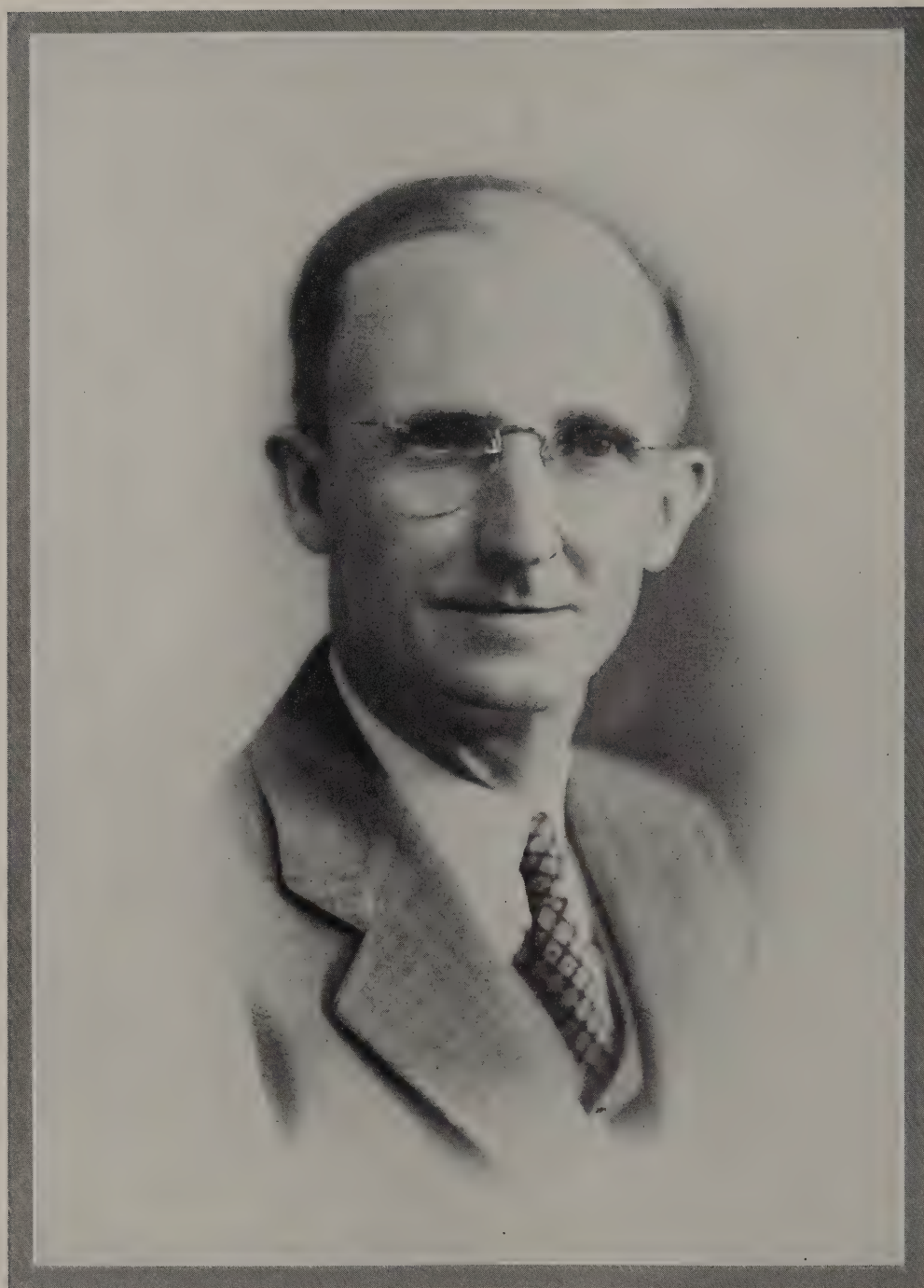


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County Home. Active in the civic life of his county, he served for seven years as a member of the Queen Anne's County Board of Education. Politically active with the Democratic party, he served for twelve years with the Maryland Democratic Central Committee. An Episcopalian in religious preference, he is a vestryman in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, which was founded in 1728.

**PERCY ELIPHALETT THOMAS**—For more than twenty years, Percy Eliphalett Thomas has been the owner and operator of a general store at Chester. Having served three terms as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, he is now State Senator from Queen Anne's County.

Mr. Thomas was born October 10, 1900, at Love Point in Queen Anne's County, the son of Benjamin Eliphalett and Georgiana (Lewis) Thomas, both natives of Queen Anne's County. The Thomas family came to the Eastern Shore in pioneer days. Mr. Thomas's father devoted his life to farming and he and his wife had eleven children.

Percy Eliphalett Thomas was educated in the public schools of Queen Anne's County. He remained with his parents on the farm until 1918, when he went to Baltimore and entered the employ of the Baltimore Transit Company as a conductor, remaining with the company in this capacity until 1925. In that year he returned to the Eastern Shore and purchased a general store at Chester, which he has operated ever since. He is a director of the Stevensville Bank of Maryland. In 1934 he was elected a member of the House of Delegates from Queen Anne's County. He served for a term of four years, and after a lapse of four years he was again elected in 1942 to represent his county, and in 1946 he was re-elected. Mr. Thomas served on the important Agricultural Committee, and also on the Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries Committee and the Ways and Means committee of the House of Delegates. In 1947 he was appointed State Senator for Queen Anne's County, and is currently serving on the committees for Agriculture, Aviation, Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries, Executive Nominations, Finance, Labor, and Roads and Highways, of which latter he is chairman. He is a member of the Methodist Church of Chester, and of the Kent Island Lions Club, and he is president of the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

On January 30, 1922, Percy E. Thomas married Evelyn Elinor Harris, a native of Chester, and they have one son, Charles Willard Thomas, born November 25, 1922. He is a veteran of World War II, having served in the European Theater of Operations on P-T boats. He is now purser on the Chesapeake Bay Ferry. He married, on July 1, 1945, Emma Larrimore, a native of Church Hill, and they have two children: Suzanne, born February 12, 1947, and Georgia Lynn, born February 9, 1949.

**EUGENE MAURICE MESSICK**—For thirty-nine years Eugene Maurice Messick has been in the printing business, and he has a fine plant in Salisbury and is well-known all over the Eastern Shore. Mr. Messick takes an active interest in community affairs, and has held office as city councilman.

He was born November 13, 1898, in Princess Anne, the son of Henry W. and Mary P. (Shores) Messick, his father being a bricklayer and plasterer.

Eugene Maurice Messick attended the public schools of Salisbury until he was twelve, when he went to work for the Asbury Phillips Bakery, now the Raymore Salisbury Baking Company. After a year in the employ of this concern he became associated with the Salisbury "Courier," a Republican newspaper, on which he learned the trade of printer. When he was seventeen he left to enter the employ of the Charles H. Elliott Company, printers and engravers of Philadelphia, where he worked for three years. He then returned to Salisbury and after a year with the Salisbury "News" (now the "Times"), he opened up his own printing shop. He has been in the printing business in Salisbury ever since and handles all kinds of job and commercial printing. Mr. Messick has a reputation for good work, not only in Salisbury but throughout the Eastern Shore. His printing shop at 134 Camden Street is very modern and well equipped to handle all sorts of work. Associated with him in the shop are his two sons, Eugene M. and Frederick S. Messick.

Mr. Messick is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Salisbury and fraternally he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, holding the Thirty-second Degree in the Masonic order. A Democrat in his political ties, he served one two-year term as city councilman of Salisbury. He and his family are members of the Trinity Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Messick take great satisfaction in the fact that they were able to see to it that their four children were given a first-class education.

On December 3, 1912, at Salisbury, Eugene Maurice Messick was married to Elsie Lee Smith, the daughter of Frederick L. and Josephine (Corprew) Smith, her father being vice president of the L. W. Gunby Company. Mr. and Mrs. Messick are the parents of the following children: 1. Josephine Lee, a graduate of Beacom Business College in Wilmington, Delaware and qualified as a public accountant. She married William J. Hudson and they have a son, William Joseph Hudson. 2. Eugene M., Jr., attended Salisbury State Teachers College and also studied at Johns Hopkins University. During World War II he was a pilot in the United States Army Air Forces, with the rank of first lieutenant, and was decorated for his heroic service, his decorations including the Air Medal with one silver star and two bronze oak-leaf clusters. He was the first pilot of the "Eight Ball," which was hit while Lieutenant Messick was flying on a mission over Benevento, Italy, with the "Earthquakers," a medium bombardment group operating from a Sicilian base. He succeeded in making an emergency landing in Italy. On October 29, 1943, after completing fifty combat missions in the North African war zone, Lieutenant Messick returned home on leave and was given a rousing welcome by his fellow citizens of Salisbury, the State Guard, Boys' Band, service clubs, Chamber of Commerce and Civilian Defense all participating in a parade and appropriate ceremonies. Since his return to civilian life Eugene M. Messick, Jr., has been associated with his father in the printing business. He married Ruth K. Harcum, and they have three children: the twins Betty Lee and Nancy Jo, and Eugene M. Messick, III. 3. Frederick S., is a graduate of West Chester State Teachers College in physical education. In World War II, he served as a first lieutenant with the United States Marine Corps, 17th Antiaircraft Battalion, and was stationed on Tinian Island in the Pacific Ocean, where the B-29's had their base for many months and also where the plane which dropped the atomic



bombs on Japan was based. Frederick S. Messick helped to guard the atomic bomb but was unaware of it at the time. He was later transferred to Pearl Harbor and then back to the United States, where he received his discharge. Frederick S. Messick married Elizabeth Landes, and they have three children: Frederick S., Jr., William Landes, and Scott Lindsay. 4. Nancy, a graduate nurse, who married Louis W. Smith.

**GEORGE ELBERT MARSHALL** has been engaged in legal practice in Easton for many years. In this practice, which of late years has been conducted under his own name, he has achieved considerable prominence. He is active in business connections, and in civic and fraternal affairs of Easton.

Born at Miles River Neck, Talbot County, December 28, 1888, Mr. Marshall was the son of Charles Nicholas and Rosa (Redman) Marshall. His father was a shipowner and captain, operating several vessels in the Chesapeake Bay area. After attending the public schools of Talbot County, Elbert Marshall entered Goldey Business College in Wilmington, Delaware, and thereafter the University of Maryland. Before attending college he had been employed in the tariff department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Following his legal studies at the university, he was admitted to the Maryland bar in 1915, and became associated with N. E. Clark, the firm name being Clark and Marshall. This partnership continued until 1919 when he joined with Mr. Seth and Mr. Shehan in the formation of the firm of Seth, Shehan and Marshall, which became Shehan and Marshall after the death of Mr. Seth in 1927. Since 1934 Mr. Marshall has operated under his own name. He engages in a general practice, although corporation work receives the greater part of his attention. He has many business connections, being counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad in this part of Maryland, and president of the Liberty National Bank. A Democrat, he is active in political affairs, and has in the past served both as civil magistrate and city attorney. Since 1939 Mr. Marshall has served on the Talbot County Board of Education and for several years has been its president.

He is affiliated with a number of professional organizations. Since 1941 he has been a member of the American Bar Association, is past president of the Talbot County Bar Association, and past vice president of the Maryland Bar Association. In the last-named organization he was chairman of the committee on laws in 1941. He is active in all phases of life in Talbot County and on the Eastern Shore, and this interest serves his active mind in a recreational way as well as occupying his attention in professional and business connections. He has another hobby too which it is not surprising to find in the son of a captain and ship owner: he enjoys boating as his chief outdoor recreation.

Mr. Marshall is a member of the Coats Lodge No. 102, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is affiliated also with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A charter member of the Easton Rotary, he served as its secretary and treasurer for several years, has served as a director. He belongs also to the East-on Business Men's Association.

In connection with military service to his country, Mr. Marshall lists one year spent in the Gas Defense Department of the Chemical Warfare Division, stationed in Washington and in New York. His interest

in the service has been continued as a veteran, and he is a charter member of Talbot Post No. 70, American Legion, which post he has served in the past as vice commander and judge advocate.

His church, the Ebenezer Methodist, receives much of this tireless man's attention. He has there a splendid Sunday school class of junior and senior high school age boys, and he serves the church organization also as a member of its official board and as financial secretary.

George Elbert Marshall was married, June 29, 1922, to Merle Staylor Bullock of Baltimore, daughter of Frank E. and Anna (Staylor) Bullock. They have two children: 1. Anne M., who graduated from the local schools and is married to Robert B. Wilson. She is an accomplished vocalist, and has appeared in recital at Carnegie Hall in New York City. 2. George Elbert, Jr., born October 8, 1932, who has recently graduated from Easton High School, and has been accepted for admission to the Valley Forge Military Academy.

**MERRITT BRICE, M.D.**, has practiced medicine in Millington since 1911. For more than twenty years he has been a director in the Millington State Bank of Maryland, and since 1932 he has also been its president. Dr. Brice also has large farm interests, and he is active in all that concerns the welfare of the community.

He was born January 5, 1880, in Broad Neck, near Chestertown, the son of William Tilden and Margaret Ann (Vickers) Brice, both natives of Kent County. They were the parents of four children who reached maturity: 1. Merritt Brice, M.D. 2. John Brice. 3. William Tilden Brice, Jr. 4. Julia Elizabeth Brice, who married John H. Clendaniel.

Merritt Brice attended the public schools at Langford and for two years was a student at Washington College. He was then living on the farm and, after leaving college, he engaged in farming for himself for the next two years. In 1903 he entered Baltimore Medical College, now part of the University of Maryland, and was graduated from this institution in 1907 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then served for a year as intern at the Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore and later as resident physician at St. Agnes Hospital. In 1909 he became assistant to Dr. J. M. H. Rowland, an obstetrical specialist in Baltimore, and was associated with Dr. Rowland until 1911, when he moved to Millington and entered the general practice of medicine. He has continued ever since, and during both World Wars he served as medical examiner. Dr. Brice is a member of county, state, and American medical associations.

Some twenty years ago Dr. Brice became a director of the Millington State Bank of Maryland, and in 1932 he became president of the bank. He has played an active role in the Maryland Bankers Association. He served for many years as a school trustee in Millington, and during the two World Wars he gave of his time and energy to make all the patriotic drives a success. He was elected to office of register of wills in Kent County in 1932, for a term of four years. He is a member of the Episcopal Church. In addition to his many other interests, he takes a part in the farming life of the community through his ownership of the Brice home place.

On January 12, 1910, Dr. Merritt Brice married Emma Louise Strong, a native of Kent County, the daughter of Thomas Romaine and Charlotte Augusta



(Wickes) Strong, both natives of Kent County. Thomas Romaine Strong served as one of the commissioners of Kent County, as register of wills, and in the Maryland House of Delegates.

**HOWARD HAMAN MOFFETT** has had a variety of business experience. He now conducts a general insurance business, selling all lines of insurance, in Easton. He possesses qualities of leadership which have brought him official positions in a number of local organizations.

Mr. Moffett was born in Chestertown, February 9, 1911, son of Walter and Mary (Cooper) Moffett. He was reared on his father's farm and attended the public and high schools of Chestertown, after which he went to work for the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, being a clerk in their store for one year. He then spent a short time with the J. W. Crooks Company. Thereafter he became associated with the Automobile Club of Maryland, directing organizational work on the Eastern Shore, after which he served this group as branch manager at Easton. In this connection he was responsible for much publicity work, giving lectures on safety to school children being an example of his numerous duties. This interesting work Mr. Moffett left, in January, 1946, to enter the general insurance business, with Easton as his headquarters. His firm is operated under the name of the Moffett Insurance Agency, and he sells all lines of insurance, writing policies for such nationally known concerns as the Loyalty Group, the Glens Falls Insurance Company, the Maryland Life Insurance Company, the Hartford Mutual Insurance Company, the Centennial Fire Insurance Company, and others. He is a member of the National Association of Insurance Agents.

Locally, Mr. Moffett is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Miller Lodge, of which he is past Noble Grand, and with the Easton Business Men's Association, of which he is past president. He is president of the Easton Fire Department, Inc., vice president of the Parent Teacher Association at Easton High School, and a member of the Lions Club. A member of the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church, he serves this religious body as a member of the official board. He is a Democrat in political beliefs, though an independent voter. Despite his many business and organizational responsibilities he finds some time to indulge his favorite recreation, gunning.

Howard Haman Moffett married, on April 13, 1933, Jessie Katherine Moore, of Chestertown, daughter of Robert D. and Jessie (Bockmiller) Moore. Of this union have been born two children: 1. Patricia Jean, born April 1, 1934. 2. Jessie Katherine, born May 20, 1940.

**ALBERT SYDNEY GADD, JR.**, cashier of the Centreville National Bank of Maryland, was born in Centreville, September 7, 1898, the son of Albert Sydney and Margaret Elizabeth (Taylor) Gadd, both natives of Queen Anne's County. Albert Sydney Gadd, Sr., was a farmer in Centreville. The Gadd family were among the pioneer settlers of the Eastern Shore.

Albert Sydney Gadd, Jr., attended the local public schools, graduating from Centreville High School in 1916. During the summers he helped his father on the family farm, until he entered the University of Maryland. Meantime, however, when the United States entered World War I, he enlisted for service with the

110th Artillery of the 29th Division, and served overseas for twenty-six months as a sergeant, being discharged June 20, 1919. He spent two years in study at the University of Maryland, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Sigma fraternity and president of his class, entering the university in 1921 and returning to farming in 1923. After farming for some little time, he accepted a post with the Queen Anne National Bank, which he held for a few years. He had again become a farmer in 1938, when he was elected clerk of court for Queen Anne's County. He was re-elected twice to this office and had held it for nine years when he resigned to return to banking and become cashier of the Centreville National Bank, the post he now holds. Mr. Gadd is a member of the Maryland Bankers Association. He and his wife attend the Episcopal Church.

He married on July 25, 1925, Ruth Marie Branner, a native of Eaton, Indiana, who before her marriage had been a teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sydney Gadd, Jr., have three children: 1. Margaret Ruth. 2. Anne Branner. 3. Janet Denwood.

**WILLIAM COOK LOWE, M.D.**—One of the foremost young physicians of Queenstown, Dr. William Cook Lowe is demonstrating marked ability in the medical profession and merits the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

William Lowe was born October 5, 1917, at Stevensville, son of William Henry and Annie Elizabeth (Cook) Lowe. The elder Mr. Lowe, a native of Kent Island, Queen Anne's County, served for a period of years as agent for the Baltimore and Eastern Railroad Company, later engaged in merchandising activities, and, in 1936, he joined the Chesapeake Bay Ferry Company as purser. He married Annie Elizabeth Cook, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. William Cook, of further mention. 2. Harry Clifton, who was graduated from the United States Naval Academy, and now serves as a lieutenant, senior grade, in the United States Navy.

William Cook Lowe received his early education in the local public schools of Stevensville, and was graduated from high school there, in 1934. While at school, he participated in athletics, playing on the baseball and soccer teams. During the summer months he worked in his father's store. After graduation from high school, he entered the University of Maryland. After three years there, he transferred to the Medical College of the University of Baltimore, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science there, in 1938, and three years later, in 1941, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine. During his summer vacations while at college he worked in an Ocean City, Maryland, Hotel.

After completing his formal medical training, Dr. Lowe served his internship at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore, specializing in internal medicine. He remained in the same hospital, where he continued as resident physician for a period of time, gaining valuable knowledge and experience in his chosen field. In January, 1944, he interrupted his promising career to enter the armed forces, and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Corps. On August 1, 1944, he was assigned to the 1326th Engineering General Service Regiment. With this organization he saw service in the European Theater of Operations. Subsequently, he was returned to the United States and was stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, until his honorable discharge from active service in April, 1946.

In May of that same year, after having returned to

civilian life, Dr. Lowe came to Queenstown and entered a general practice of medicine here. It has proven very successful since then, and he is gaining an excellent reputation among an ever-increasing clientele.

Dr. Lowe enters into community activity with vigor. He belongs, professionally, to the American Medical Association, the Maryland State Medical Association, and the Queen Anne's County Medical Association. He is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

On August 11, 1943, William Cook Lowe married Margaret Heldmann, a native of Baltimore, who practiced nursing at Mercy Hospital. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Carolyn Elizabeth. 2. Margaret Mary. 3. Nance Agatha.

**JENNINGS B. QUILLIN**, president of St. Michaels Milling Company, has made a place for himself as a manufacturer of wheat flour and poultry and animal feeds which are sold locally to merchants in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot counties.

He was born October 26, 1896, at Berlin, the son of Samuel M. and Virginia (Carey) Quillin, the former a native of Berlin and the latter of Bishopville, both now deceased. Mr. Quillin's father was a farmer and miller and a dealer in lumber.

Mr. Quillin was educated in the Berlin elementary schools, Berlin High School and the Goldey Business College, where he took a commercial course. After leaving school he started in the mercantile business, in Federalsburg and Seaford, first with others and later for himself. During World War I he served in the 309th Field Artillery of the United States Army, from 1918 to May, 1919, when he received his discharge. In 1920 he went into the milling business at St. Michaels in association with Berlin Milling Company and spent six years with this concern before going into the milling business as an individual in 1926. He continued to operate as an individual miller for twenty years, until 1946 when he incorporated the business under the name of the St. Michaels Milling Company, becoming president of the firm. The St. Michaels Milling Company sells not only wheat flour but poultry and animal feed of its own manufacture to merchants in the three counties of Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot, and has a thriving business throughout this area.

Mr. Quillin is a director of the County Trust Company at St. Michaels, and he is a member of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club and the Miles River Yacht Club. He belongs to the Protestant Episcopal Church, in which he serves as a vestryman, and his political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

He married on April 17, 1926, Lotus K. Konetzka of Ohio.

**E. HERRMAN COHN** is president of The Cohn & Bock Company of Princess Anne, one of the old and well established concerns of this region, manufacturers and dealers in lumber, building materials, and feeds. Mr. Cohn is active in local and regional business associations, is a member of various Masonic bodies, and has long served as an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

He was born in Princess Anne on June 11, 1883, the son of Rudolph S. and Alice (Humphreys) Cohn. His father, who was born in Carlsbad, Austria, in 1848, came to the United States early in life and was active in the development of the lumber business in Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina, and founded the business in which his son is now engaged some eighty years ago, in 1867. He was a member of the

Masonic order. He died on July 5, 1909, at Norfolk, Virginia. Alice (Humphreys) Cohn was born in Princess Anne in August, 1853, and died in May, 1939, at Norfolk, Virginia.

E. Herrman Cohn attended the public schools of Norfolk, Virginia, graduating from Norfolk High School. He then entered Hampden-Sidney College and graduated from that institution in 1902 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After finishing his college course, Mr. Cohn took a practical business course at the Eastman Business College of Poughkeepsie, New York. He became associated with the family business in 1902 and has spent his entire business career with it. The Cohn & Bock Company manufactures and handles building materials, lumber and feed, and has a total of fifty persons in its employ. In addition to Mr. Cohn, who serves as its president, its officers are A. E. Krause, vice president, Robert C. Street, secretary, and Stanley C. Street, treasurer. As president, Mr. Cohn has continued to build up the business and retain for it the reputation that it had gained under his father's management; and he is thus primarily responsible for its successful operation at the present time. For twenty years he was president of Roanoke Railroad & Lumber Company, operating mills at Norfolk, Virginia and in eastern Carolina.

He is a member of the Princess Anne Business Men's Association, the Middle Atlantic Lumber Dealers Association and the Princess Anne Country Club of Virginia Beach. He also belongs to the Beta Theta Pi college fraternity, to Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and to other Masonic bodies including the Royal Arch Masons and the Knights Templar. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is one of the moving spirits of this church, having served as an elder for many years. In politics Mr. Cohn is an independent.

He married at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Doris Maslin, the daughter of George W. and Charlotte (Done) Maslin, the former born in Virginia, the latter in Princess Anne. Mr. and Mrs. Cohn have a daughter, Charlotte, born in Princess Anne, who married, in 1948, Otis Benson Davis.

**L. CRESTON BEAUCHAMP**—A well-known lawyer of Somerset County is L. Creston Beauchamp, who has been practicing law in Princess Anne since 1912. A Republican in political affiliation, Mr. Beauchamp has served as state attorney and state senator, and he is at present acting as counsellor for the county commissioner.

He was born at Westover on October 29, 1888, the son of Oliver T. and Ida I. (Davis) Beauchamp. Oliver T. Beauchamp, who was born at Westover on November 5, 1860, was a man of varied talents and interests; he was a farmer and a merchant, was for a time engaged in the cannery business and held office as sheriff of Somerset County and also as county clerk. He died in April, 1906. Ida I. (Davis) Beauchamp was born February 4, 1864, in Sheltown, and died January 23, 1926.

L. Creston Beauchamp attended the public schools at Westover and at Princess Anne, graduating from Princess Anne High School in the class of 1906. He then became a student at Dickinson College, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. He took his professional training at the University of Maryland Law School, graduating





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with the class of 1912 and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Law. He was admitted to the Maryland bar in the same year, and started the general practice of law in Princess Anne. Mr. Beauchamp practices in all of the courts and serves as counsellor for the county commissioner. He is an active Republican and takes a keen interest in public affairs. From 1915 to 1923 he held office as state attorney, and from 1927 to 1933 he was a state senator. He is a member of the Maryland Bar Association, of the Beta Theta Pi college fraternity, and of Blue Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He and his family attend the Episcopal Church.

He married, at Princess Anne, Annie F. Dashiell, a native of Somerset County and the daughter of S. Frank and Mary Carlisle (White) Dashiell, both natives of Dames Quarter. Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp are the parents of three children: 1. Oliver T., born in Princess Anne. 2. Anne, born in Princess Anne; she married Thomas Chase Coale of Baltimore, and they have one child, Thomas C. 3. Mary Elizabeth, born in Princess Anne, who is now the wife of John Harn, of Baltimore. Mrs. Beauchamp died December 18, 1937.

On June 11, 1949, Mr. Beauchamp was married to Miss Alice Mae Coulbourn, of Crisfield, Maryland, and they reside in Princess Anne.

**PAUL ELTON JONES** of Snow Hill has been in the automobile sales and service business for twenty-three years and is well known all over the Eastern Shore. He has had the agency for Chevrolet automobiles since 1925 and the Oldsmobile Agency since 1932, and in addition he has a large automobile repair business.

He was born on January 14, 1906, on a cattle ranch in Norton County, Kansas, the son of Elton M. and Nellie R. Jones. Mr. Jones's father, Elton M. Jones, was born in Snow Hill, but went west at an early age. He homesteaded in Kansas and ran a cattle ranch there as well as conducting one of the largest mercantile stores in Norton County. In 1913 he moved back to Snow Hill with his family, and opened a store there, as well as owning several farms. He went into the automobile business with his son in 1925 and was associated with him until 1942, when he retired from the business. He now spends his winters in West Palm Beach, Florida, where he owns his home, and in the summers he lives at Public Landing, Maryland, having sold four other farms in 1945. Although he has retired from business, he is still very active.

Paul Elton Jones attended elementary school and high school in Snow Hill, where he lived from the age of seven. He then went to Charlotte Hall Military Academy, after which he took a commercial course in the Goldey Business College of Wilmington, Delaware. Upon leaving school Mr. Jones opened an automobile repair shop in Snow Hill on March 1, 1925, and in the latter part of the same year he obtained the Chevrolet Agency and his father joined the business, the firm name being E. M. Jones & Son. In 1932 they took the Oldsmobile agency. The elder Mr. Jones retired from the business in 1942, and it is now conducted by Paul Elton Jones, who has an enviable reputation for his honesty and fair dealings all over the Eastern Shore. He has a well equipped repair shop and does repair work on all makes of cars, as well as handling sales for Chevrolet and Oldsmobile automobiles. He is a member of the

Snow Hill Lions Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and all its branches, being a Thirty-second degree Mason and also a Shriner, member of Boumi Temple, and a Past Master of Sinepuxent Lodge, No. 193, of Snow Hill. He and his family attend the Snow Hill Christian Church.

Paul Elton Jones was married at Salisbury on September 21, 1928, to Irma V. Kensey of Snow Hill, the daughter of Charles C. and Bertha Elizabeth (McDonald) Kensey, her father being an automobile mechanic and a resident of Snow Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have one child, Gail Kensey Jones, born May 20, 1936.

**ALFRED STENGLE MARINE**—From an humble start on a farm, Alfred Stengle Marine has come far in life, progressing solely by his own efforts. This remarkable career has culminated in a long and successful legal practice in Cambridge, and in a creditable record in public office.

Mr. Marine's father, John H. Marine of Dorchester County, was a blacksmith and wheelwright. He married Mary English, of Wicomico County and their son, A. Stengle Marine, was born October 28, 1876. Farming with his father, he received almost no education as a boy. Undiscouraged by this initial handicap he went, when twenty-one years old, to Washington College. During the period of his studies there he was conspicuous as a baseball player. On leaving that institution, he taught school for a time in a rural district in the lower end of Dorchester County. Not finding teaching to his liking, and his ambitions still unsatisfied, he went to Baltimore. There, while working to support himself, he also attended the University of Maryland Law School, from which he graduated in 1907 with a Bachelor of Laws degree. He then opened a law office in Cambridge, where he has continued to conduct a general practice until recently.

The first public post served by Mr. Marine was that of county superintendent of schools, in 1912 and 1913. For three successive terms he was States Attorney for Dorchester County, and during the Nice administration was Commissioner of Labor and Statistics. In 1930 he became supervisor of the census for eight Maryland counties, and in 1928 was Republican candidate for congress. For thirty years he has been legal counsel for the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

He is a man widely known throughout his section of the state, having made a number of appearances as public speaker, and wherever he is known he is popular. His religious affiliation is with the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church. In professional circles he is associated with the Dorchester County Bar Association, and is active in the councils of his chosen Republican party. Farming is an avocation, and an interest which he has maintained since boyhood, and he owns a four-hundred-acre farm near East New Market, producing grain and garden truck.

Alfred Stengle Marine married, on April 13, 1912, Emma C. Mills. They became the parents of three daughters: 1. Ruth Elizabeth, deceased. 2. Emily Ann, graduate of local schools and of Peabody College, who married John Thomas Pile of Nashville, Tennessee; they have a daughter, Carol Marine. 3. Margaret Lee; a graduate of Strayer's Business College, she is now in her father's law office. She is married to James Edward Peters, of Cambridge.

**JESTER BURDETTE GREENE**, who conducts a furniture business in Princess Anne, was born at Mardela Springs, in Wicomico County, May 27, 1898, the son of James Z. and Laura Ellen (Elliott) Greene, both natives of Mardela and both now deceased; the former having died on December 19, 1934, and the latter on September 12, 1931. James Z. Greene was a farmer and a lifelong Democrat.

Jester Burdette Greene was educated in the local elementary school and Mardela Springs High School. He was engaged in farming, in association with his father, until 1926. In that year he entered the employ of Feldman Brothers, who conducted a furniture business in Salisbury, and he spent thirteen years with them, gaining practical experience in that business. Since 1939 he has been in the furniture business for himself in Princess Anne, dealing in general house furnishings and electric appliances; he specializes in Philco, Norge, and Admiral electric appliances, and Perfection stoves. He employs a force of five people. He is a member of the Rotary Club and was chosen its president for 1948. He is a member of the Democratic party and of the local Methodist Church, and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias.

He married, at Mardela on April 27, 1921, Nannie Blanche Taylor, a native of Mardela and the daughter of Calvin M. and Minnie Alberta (Goslee) Taylor, both natives of Mardela and both now deceased; the former having died on May 12, 1946 and the latter August 9, 1939.

**GALE WENDELL TESTERMAN** has conducted a jewelry business in Princess Anne for the past two years, and he is now serving as president of the Princess Anne Business Men's Association. For a number of years prior to the opening up of his jewelry store, he was engaged in truck farming outside Princess Anne, and he has been a member of the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Department since 1932, having served as its president in 1938.

Mr. Testerman was born in Kylesford, Tennessee, on March 21, 1907, the son of Robert Taylor and Daisy F. (Livesay) Testerman, both natives of Kylesford; the former born January 8, 1879, the latter September 5, 1883. Robert Taylor Testerman came to Somerset County, Maryland, where he is engaged in farming. He is a Republican. Gale Wendell Testerman was educated in the public schools of Kylesford, and Princess Anne High School, which he attended for two years. For fourteen years he was engaged in farming, just outside Princess Anne, on a farm consisting of about forty acres, which were devoted largely to truck farming. Beans, strawberries, tomatoes, corn, hay, and chickens were the products to which Mr. Testerman gave most attention while on the farm. On July 13, 1946, he opened up a jewelry store in Princess Anne, with a complete line of jewelry.

Mr. Testerman is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Pythias. Like his father he is a Republican, and he belongs to the Methodist Church. He still keeps his membership in the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Department, with which he has been associated for the past sixteen years. Upon launching his new business venture two years ago, Mr. Testerman also joined the Princess Anne Business Men's Association, and made himself so much a part of it that he has already been chosen to serve as its president.

Gale Wendell Testerman married, on November 11,

1930, in Princess Anne, Maude Miller, a native of Princess Anne, the daughter of George P. and Almira (Gibbons) Miller. George P. Miller, who was a Somerset County farmer and a Democrat, was born near Princess Anne on September 17, 1877, and died June 27, 1936. Almira (Gibbons) Miller was born near Princess Anne on January 17, 1873.

**CHARLES R. DRYDEN**—Since his return to civilian life, Charles R. Dryden has been one of the three partners of Dryden Brothers Seafood Company, Inc., at Crisfield. He saw active service with the United States Army during World War II, being advanced from the rank of second lieutenant to that of major, and decorated for gallantry in action.

Mr. Dryden was born in Crisfield, December 24, 1915, the son of Sherman and Florence E. (Riggin) Dryden, both natives of Crisfield. The late Sherman Dryden was engaged in the insurance business and also in the sea food business in Crisfield. He was a staunch Republican. Charles R. Dryden received his education in the Crisfield public schools, graduating from Crisfield High School in the class of 1936. After graduation he entered the employ of Charles D. Briddell, Inc., of Crisfield and worked for this concern until February 3, 1941, when he enlisted in the United States Army. He served with the 29th Division, Company L, 115th Infantry, entering the service as a second lieutenant and being promoted to first lieutenant, to captain and to major, before being released on January 20, 1945. Major Dryden is still on the active reserve list. He saw action in the European sector, in Normandy and Saint Lo, being wounded near Saint Lo. For his heroic action Major Dryden was awarded the decorations of the Purple Heart with cluster, the Silver Star, the Bronze Arrowhead, and a Presidential Citation. On his return to Crisfield in 1945, he and his two brothers, Littleton T. and James H. Dryden formed a partnership and went into the sea food business, handling a general line of sea food products, oysters, crabs and the like. On October 1, 1947, the concern became incorporated and is doing business under the name of the Dryden Brothers Seafood Company, Inc.

Charles R. Dryden is a member of the Crisfield Seafood Packers Association, the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is affiliated with the Republican party, and is a member of the Baptist Church.

He married at Crisfield, on December 25, 1940, Thelma Mason, a native of Wingate, the daughter of Severn Mason.

**WILLIAM BEAUCHAMP TILGHMAN**—One of the outstanding citizens of the Eastern Shore was the late William Beauchamp Tilghman, founder of the large fertilizer manufacturing business that bears his name. Mr. Tilghman was also founder and president of the Salisbury Building & Loan Association and president of the Salisbury National Bank. He was one of the leading members of the Trinity Methodist Church of Salisbury and up to the time of his death in 1907 was a member of its official board.

Born on October 13, 1839, in Nutter's District, about five miles from Salisbury, Mr. Tilghman was the son of William Beauchamp, a farmer, and Mary (Nichols) Tilghman. The Tilghman family is one of the most noted on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Of them it has been said: "No family in the state has contributed







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more extensively to the public service, and the members of no other family have shown greater fidelity to all obligations, whether public or private." The founder of the Tilghman family of Maryland was Richard Tilghman, who came to Maryland from Canterbury, Kent County, England, with his wife Mary, and settled on the Chester River in the year 1660. Richard Tilghman had been a surgeon in the British Navy and was a Parliamentarian. He is believed to be the Richard Tilghman whose name appears on a list of petitioners asking that justice be done on King Charles I. Richard Tilghman the surgeon was the seventh generation from Richard Tilghman of Holloway Court in the Parish of Snodland, Kent County, England, who lived about the year 1400. The list of distinguished Tilghmans is a long one, and whatever else the old immigrant doctor may have been, he certainly was a success as the founder of a family. We find in the long list: Benjamin Chew, a Federal general in the Civil War; James, a great Revolutionary lawyer; Lloyd, a Confederate general killed at Bakers Creek in 1863; Matthew, a Continental Congressman; Colonel Tench Tilghman, military secretary and aide-de-camp of General Washington; a second Tench Tilghman, soldier in the regular army and major general of Maryland Militia; and William Tilghman, the great jurist and judge of the United States circuit court. These men comprise but a small number of the great array of Tilghmans whose reputations have been co-extensive with the boundaries of the state of Maryland.

William Beauchamp Tilghman attended the local school during the winter months and during the farming season worked on his father's farm in Nutter's District, some five miles from Salisbury. When he was seventeen he entered the employ of John D. Williams, a leading merchant of Salisbury, and he remained with Mr. Williams for the five years from 1856 to 1861. He then formed a partnership in the mercantile business with the late Humphrey Humphreys, under the firm name of Humphreys & Tilghman. This firm built up a very large trade during the next twenty years, and in addition to handling ordinary merchandise dealt extensively in lumber and grain and operated a fleet of vessels between Salisbury and Baltimore. In 1884 the firm retired from the mercantile business and engaged in the manufacture of fertilizers, which it combined with the handling of lumber and coal. After a long and successful partnership with General Humphreys, Mr. Tilghman went into business for himself, founding the William B. Tilghman Company for the manufacture of fertilizers. With one of the most extensive plants in the region, the concern was conducted on the same sound principles that had made Mr. Tilghman's mercantile career successful, and it soon came to have a high reputation among farmers of the Eastern Shore. Mr. Tilghman was the founder of the Salisbury Building & Loan Association, which became one of the most successful institutions on the Eastern Shore and he served as its president for many years. He also served as the president of the Salisbury National Bank and was holding this office at the time of his death.

The following description of his personal characteristics is pertinent:

William B. Tilghman was an ambitious man in a way—he was ambitious to excel in everything in which he engaged; but he had not the form of personal ambition which leads one to build up his own fortunes at the expense of his neighbors'.

A close student through life, profoundly interested in history and biography, he acquired an immense amount of exact information about his country, its institutions and its great men. He was a great admirer of Henry Clay and John C. Calhoun—two men whose oratorical excellence has largely overshadowed their sound

statesmanlike qualities. That he could have excelled in literature had he turned in that direction is proven by the fact that he wrote a little poem which he dedicated to his children, called *The Old Homestead*, which in beauty of expression and tenderness of sentiment would be hard to excel. . . .

A lifelong Democrat, he was never himself an aspirant for public position. An earnest member of the Trinity Methodist Church, he was for many years and up to the day of his death president of its official board. His life largely revolved around his family, his church, his business; and his recreations were of the simplest kind, consisting of reading, association with his family and the work of his church.

Mr. Tilghman amassed a competency; created a beautiful home and won the esteem of the community in which he was born and in which his life was spent. No charitable object, no church call, no philanthropy within his reach ever appealed to him in vain. He was a man of large liberality proportioned to his means and the needy and the distressed always found in him a friend. The Baltimore American of July 10, 1893 classed him as one of the leading men of Maryland and this was a just tribute to a good citizen; for while not a great political leader, nor a millionaire financier, nor a great scientist, he was a leader in the moral, material and civic life of his community by force of example, seeking nothing for himself, giving always of his best to amend the condition of the people of his native land.

William Beauchamp Tilghman married (first) Mary Shipley, and they had one child. He married (second) Annie Esther Bell, a daughter of Dr. John Bell of Missouri, grand-niece of the famous surgeon Dr. Benjamin Dudley of Kentucky and granddaughter of Louis Castleman, one of the best known Kentuckians of his day. By his second marriage Mr. Tilghman had six children. He died in Walter's Park, Pennsylvania, on April 12, 1907. He was survived by his widow Annie Esther (Bell) Tilghman, and by the following children: Kate Houston, who married Judge E. Stanley Toadvin; Louise; William Bell (q.v.), who continued the business of William B. Tilghman Company, fertilizer manufacturers; Mary; Clara; and Anna Bell.

**WILLIAM BELL TILGHMAN**—One of the prominent manufacturers of the Eastern Shore is William Bell Tilghman, president of the William B. Tilghman Company of Salisbury, manufacturers of fertilizers. Mr. Tilghman is a member of a number of civic and social organizations, and takes an active part in the affairs of his community, so far as the responsibilities of his business interests permit.

He was born in Salisbury on October 30, 1884, the son of William Beauchamp and Annie Esther (Bell) Tilghman. His father and he invariably used the simple middle initial in signing their names and to differentiate, the younger man added "Jr.," a practice he continues for business reasons.

William Bell Tilghman attended the Salisbury elementary schools and Salisbury High School, after which he was for a time a pupil at Randolph-Macon Preparatory School, graduating in the class of 1901. He then took a course in business administration at Eastman College, in Poughkeepsie, New York, graduating in the class of 1903. In that same year he became associated with his father William B. Tilghman in the manufacture of fertilizers. He assumed the post of secretary in the William B. Tilghman Company and has since been associated with the concern in all capacities up to and including his present post as president of the company, which he has held since 1910. The concern employs about sixty persons during the busy season and operates two fertilizer ships as well as two plants. Mr. Tilghman is a director of the Salisbury National Bank and of the Salisbury Building & Loan Association. He was a member of the staff of Governor Goldsborough with rank of colonel, and in 1912 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention, although in politics he is



an independent voter on occasion. Mr. Tilghman is a member of the Trinity Methodist Church of Salisbury and serves as chairman of the official board. He is a member of the Rotary Club, a member and one of the board of directors of the American Plant Food Council Incorporated, a member of the Wicomico County Historical Society and president of the Wicomico Free Library. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and holds the Thirty-second degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and he is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Tilghman is one of those outstanding Americans whose biography may be found in "Who's Who in America."

He married, on June 5, 1919, MaBelle Gray Sterling, and they have three children: Jean Sterling (Mrs. Gary Thomas Todd); William Beauchamp, and Samuel Sterling.

**JAMES LEVI BENNETT** became during his lifetime one of the best known and most popular of Eastern Shore merchants. He began the building of his enterprises early in life; and on a sound basis of high ethics and shrewd commercial judgment, his venture prospered, and he became recognized, first in the small community of Rock Creek, where he first located, and later in increasingly wider spheres. His influence was great and of incalculable benefit, both as a political leader in his community, and as devout advocate of the causes of his church, the Methodist. His wife, the former V. Alice K. Tigner, stood side by side with him in a position of community recognition, and was a companion and aid to him in all his efforts. In his later years, James Levi Bennett was a resident of Salisbury, where he was no less esteemed and valued as a citizen.

Born October 16, 1849, at or near Sharptown, Wicomico County, James Levi Bennett was a son of Turpin H. and Sallie (Taylor) Bennett. He spent the early part of his life on the farm near Sharptown, and upon attaining the age of twenty-one years he left the farm, for reasons of health, and moved to Rock Creek, in Somerset County. There he engaged in the mercantile business. Shortly after his arrival in Rock Creek he married V. Alice K. Tigner, and their happy marriage continued until her death which occurred on September 8, 1899.

Mr. Bennett became one of the most successful business men in his part of the county. Because of his recognized honesty, integrity and keen business ability he early began to forge ahead in his undertakings. He also developed into a leader in all the activities of the section in which he resided. A man of large heart and sympathies, readily accessible despite the prominence he had earned, he took great pleasure in helping the citizens of his section, especially those in whom he recognized the ability to achieve success, whatever their field of interest.

He and Mrs. Bennett were Methodists of a devout nature, and leaders in their local church. Politically Mr. Bennett was among the early Prohibitionists, and a conspicuous figure in that party's activities in his own county. He moved to Salisbury in 1910, and their resided until the time of his death.

James Levi Bennett was a member of the lodges of the Knights of Pythias, and of the Improved Order of Red Men.

Twice married, James Levi Bennett's first wife was V. Alice K. Tigner, who was born October 1, 1854, at Rock Creek, Somerset County, and, like her husband,

attended the elementary school near the place of her birth. A most faithful, loyal and helpful companion, she co-operated with him fully in all his business enterprises, and was, with him, a leader in the civic and religious life of the community. To them were born four children: 1. L. Atwood Bennett, born October 25, 1873, now prominent as an attorney at law in Salisbury. A record of his career follows. 2. Edith S., born April 7, 1876. 3. Bertha E., born August 1, 1877. 4. Harley D., born March 17, 1880. V. Alice K. (Tigner) Bennett died September 8, 1899, and Mr. Bennett married, second, Lena M. Kelley, by whom he was the father of two more children: 5. Amy C., born June 17, 1902. 6. Katheryn C., born June 19, 1908.

Mr. Bennett died at Salisbury on December 4, 1914. Few there have been who have equalled his record of service to his community and his status as a leader in commerce.

**L. ATWOOD BENNETT**—One of the most respected lawyers in the state, L. Atwood Bennett, of Salisbury, merits the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens. He has served the people of the state well in public office and has gained an enviable reputation for honesty and integrity.

Mr. Bennett was born October 25, 1873, at Monie, Somerset County, son of James L. and V. Alice K. (Tigner) Bennett. His father was a prominent business man and engaged in merchandising activities at Rock Creek.

L. Atwood Bennett attended the public schools of Rock Creek, and after being graduated from high school, he studied at Western Maryland College, from which he graduated in 1894. In 1897 he was graduated from the Maryland University Law School. In that same year Mr. Bennett was admitted to the bar. He began a practice of law at Salisbury which grew ever more prosperous and influential in the community. In 1904, after he had been practicing law several years and his reputation for intelligent action and fair judgment had grown throughout the region, Mr. Bennett was elected to membership in the state legislature on the Democratic ticket. After serving his constituents faithfully for one term, he returned to his practice of law. This work was interrupted once more, in 1916-1918, when he was elected to a seat in the state senate. He remained there for two years and then returned once again to his private practice in Salisbury where he continued to increase his already substantial reputation among a growing number of clients and colleagues. Throughout the years he has continued this practice until today he is a leader in the profession and is highly regarded by all who know him.

In addition to his professional interests, Mr. Bennett is associated with the Salisbury Branch of the County Trust Company of Maryland, serving this financial institution as vice president and director. Mr. Bennett is active fraternally in his community as a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, holding the Thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and an honorary Thirty-third degree. He is also affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Knights of Pythias. Socially he is a member of the Salisbury Golf Club. In religious belief he is a Methodist.

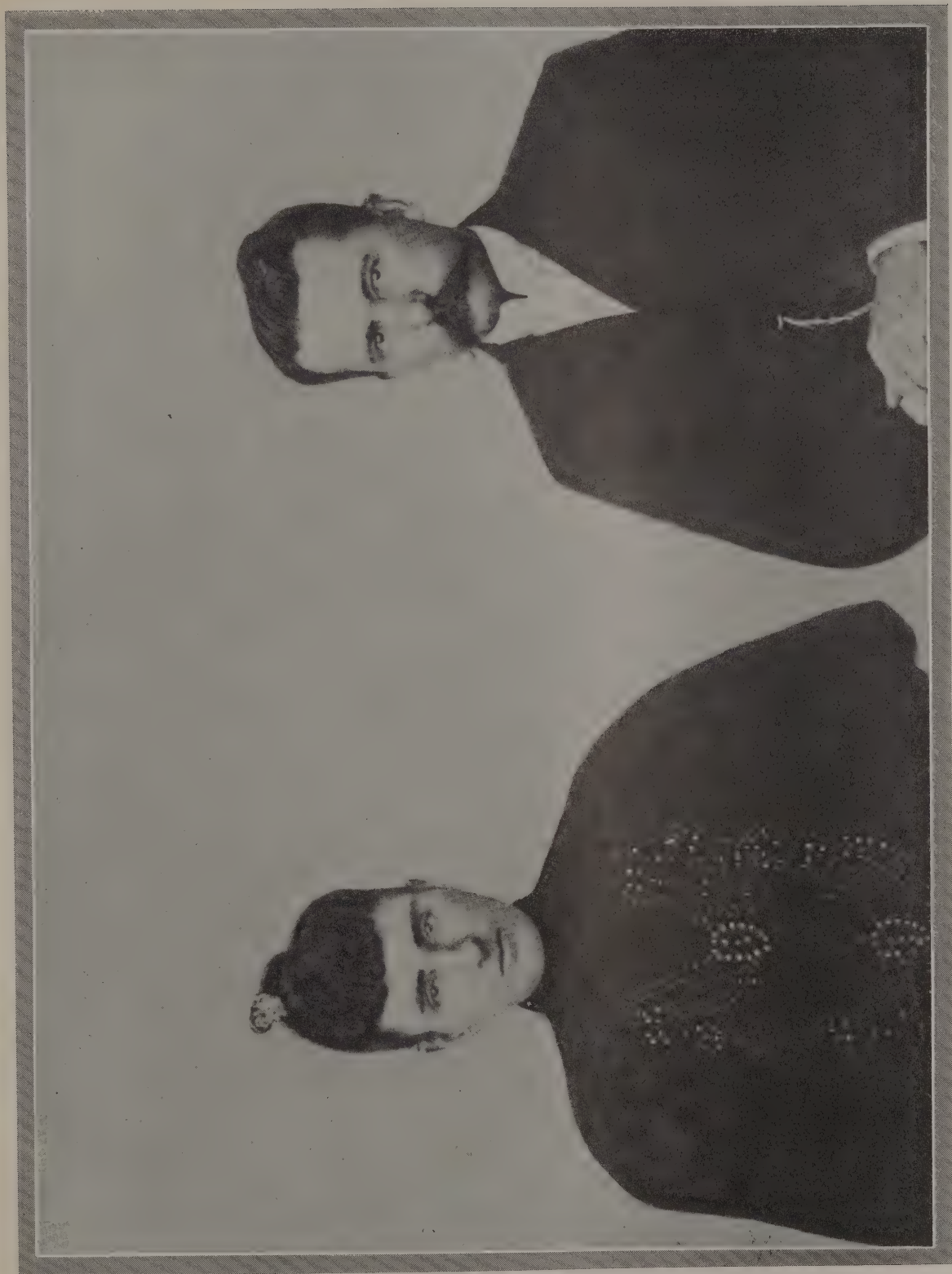
On February 26, 1902, at Salisbury, L. Atwood Bennett married Alice Catlin, daughter of Alexander W. and Mary (Wesley) Catlin. Mrs. Bennett died February 26, 1943 at Salisbury.







*L. Atwood Bennett.*



V. ALICE K. (TIGNER) BENNETT

JAMES LEVI BENNETT









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**MURRAY EWING WARD**—As head of the Crisfield Packing Company, Murray Ewing Ward has demonstrated admirable qualities of leadership and integrity. In addition, his contributions to the civic life of Crisfield have earned for him a sterling reputation among many associates and warm personal friends.

Mr. Ward was born April 3, 1893, at Crisfield, son of Noah Edward Ward, who was also a native of Crisfield. The elder Mr. Ward was born June 20, 1866, and died September 5, 1939; he was prominent in the sea food industry of Crisfield, and in politics he adhered to the Republican party.

Murray Ewing Ward received his early education in the public schools of his native town and later attended the Crisfield High School. At an early age he became associated with the sea food packing industry in Crisfield. In 1918, after having gained valuable experience in the different phases of the operation of this industry, he went into business with his brother, Vernon Calvin Ward. This association lasted until 1931, during which period the firm prospered and grew, due in large measure to the efficient management of Murray Ward. In the latter year Vernon Ward left the business and Murray Ward continued to operate the enterprise alone. This firm, known as the Crisfield Packing Company, has flourished under his leadership. The company packs and ships all kinds of sea food and has a complement of thirty employees in summer, which is increased to fifty-five during the winter months.

Mr. Ward is associated professionally with the Crisfield Seafood Packers Association. In politics, a Republican, he has served the people here faithfully and efficiently. In 1936, he was elected to membership on the Board of Education, a position he held until 1942. In that year he answered the call of the popular will when he was elected to the important public office of sheriff of Somerset County, remaining in that position until 1946.

In addition to his other interests, Mr. Ward is active in the work of important community groups. He is a member of the Rotary Club, and, fraternally, he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In religious faith he adheres to the Methodist sect and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church of Crisfield.

In January, 1914, at Crisfield, Murray Ewing Ward married Blanche Ward, daughter of Tom and Alice (Hornor) Ward. Her father was a native of Crisfield and her mother of Rock Creek, Maryland. Murray Ewing and Blanche (Ward) Ward became the parents of the following children: 1. Murray Ewing, Jr., who was born June 2, 1915, married Anna Sneade, and one son, James Murray Ward, was born to them. 2. Otis Clinton, who was born February 16, 1917, married Lorraine Laird, and they became the parents of the following children: i. Thomas. ii. Pollyanna. 3. Mildred, who was born December 14, 1924, became the wife of William Staples of Baltimore, and is the parent of one child, William Joseph Staples, 3rd, born August 6, 1948.

**CARROLL LEE ENNIS**, electrical contractor of Salisbury, has developed a prosperous business from what has long been his major interest: supply and repair of electrical equipment and appliances. His present enterprise, dating from 1944, has been well managed, and has brought him recognition among the successful business men of the Eastern Shore.

Mr. Ennis was born in Salisbury, January 29, 1912. It is possible that many of his practical abilities were inherited from his father, William James Ennis, who was a general contractor and builder in that Eastern Shore city. William James Ennis, who is now deceased, married Keffie Louise Robinson, who became the mother of Carroll Lee Ennis. He received his public school education in Salisbury, and attended the high school there for three years. He is a graduate of the Coyne Electrical School in Chicago, class of 1931.

His formal education completed, Mr. Ennis learned the practical aspects of the electrical trade with Fred Novak in Salisbury, then enlisted in the regular United States Army, in which he served for a year and a month during 1929-1930. His unit was the 1st Veterinary Company, 1st Medical Regiment, and he was stationed at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. For six months after his period of military service, he was in the radio repair business for himself in Salisbury, and after working in various capacities during the next two years, joined the Arcraft Electric Supply Company in Salisbury in 1934, remaining there until 1942. At this time began Mr. Ennis' period of World War II service. Enlisting in army service, he was assigned to Company B, 32nd Signal Training Battalion, and stationed at the Central Signal Corps Replacement Training Center located at Camp Crowder, Missouri, where he served for three and a half months.

After his discharge, March 31, 1943, Mr. Ennis worked for the Tampa Shipbuilding Corporation, Tampa, Florida until, on May 9, 1944, he founded his present business under his own name, the operation of which he has continued successfully to this date. The concern now gives employment to eleven persons, and operates five trucks. Performing all types of electrical contracts, the firm of Carroll Lee Ennis, Electrical Contractor, has for its motto: "No job too large—No job too small," and has skillfully and satisfactorily contracted industrial, residential and commercial wiring. The company also makes a specialty of repairing electrical appliances. Both office and shop are located at 220 Market Street in Salisbury.

Mr. Ennis is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Salisbury, and is an active fraternalist: a member, and Past Grand of Newton Lodge No. 56, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Having been in uniform in both the peacetime and wartime military establishments of his country, he has maintained an active interest in veterans organizations. He is a member of Salisbury Canton No. 5, Patriarchs Militant; member and past commander of Post No. 64 of the American Legion, and had the honor of being the first World War II veteran to have been commander of that post; and belongs also to the Voiture Locale No. 122 of the "Forty and Eight." He and his family attend the Bethesda Methodist Church. For recreation, he enjoys boating and fishing, and is the owner of a forty-foot raised-deck cabin cruiser named the "Suzanne."

At Princess Anne, Maryland, November 21, 1930, Carroll Lee Ennis married Malinda Ella Griffith, of Messongo, Accomack County, Virginia. Mrs. Ennis is the daughter of Samuel J. and Adella F. (Marshall) Griffith, her father being now deceased. Mrs. Ennis is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Wicomico Unit No. 64, and of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Salisbury Canton No. 5 of the Patriarchs Militant. She also belongs to Helping Hand Lodge No. 23 of the Daughters of Rebekah.

**LEVI D. T. NOBLE**—In Cambridge, Dorchester County, where he has lived since 1918, Levi D. T. Noble is noteworthy for his long connection with the distribution of automobiles and for the excellent service he has rendered the electorate in public offices of importance.

Levi D. T. Noble was born at Taylors Island, August 18, 1879, son of Dr. Jacob L. Noble and the former Manie Eugenia Travers, she being the daughter of Judge Levi D. Travers of Taylors Island. Judge Travers, an outstanding citizen of Dorchester County, was one of the large land owners whose home was long a showplace of this section. He was one of the organizers of the National Bank of Cambridge and is still remembered as one of the exceptionally active men in all community affairs. Levi D. T. Noble acquired a sound education in the schools of his birthplace and Randolph-Macon Academy located at Bedford City, Virginia. He remained on the farm with his grandparents until he was twenty-two years of age, when he was married and engaged successfully in farming at Fruit Hill Farm, Taylors Island, until 1920. In the meantime he had become the agent for Ford cars in Cambridge, operating successfully until 1942 when he retired, at the time being one of the oldest Ford dealers in the state. Fraternally, Mr. Noble is affiliated with Cambridge Lodge, No. 66, Free and Accepted Masons. A member of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, he served as a member of the official board for several years, and for two years was president of the Baraca Class.

Mr. Noble is a Democrat in political faith and active in party affairs. In 1911 he was elected judge of the orphans court of Dorchester County and re-elected in 1915. Among the other public offices he has filled most capably are the directorship of the county welfare board for five years, and the chairmanship of the National War Fund Drive in 1944. He was elected county commissioner of Dorchester County in 1942, resigning from this office on September 30, 1946, when he was appointed postmaster of Cambridge, a post he holds to the present writing, and in which he has done a great deal to improve the service rendered by the post office. He was secretary-treasurer and a director of the Franklin Credit Finance Corporation for fifteen years, and is a director of the County Trust Company of Maryland at Cambridge.

On December 18, 1901, Levi D. T. Noble married Virginia C. Lake, daughter of Charles and Wilhelmina (Phillips) Lake, her father having served as clerk of the County Court for thirty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Noble are the parents of the following children: 1. Virginia Lee, who married Henry J. Scheffenaker, and is the mother of two children: i. Carolyn Virginia, who married Lieutenant Thomas King Ives, United States Navy. They have one daughter, Virginia Carolyn. ii. Jane, attending local schools. 2. Evelyn Wilhelmina, who married Captain Linwood Sylvester Howeth, of the United States Navy, currently stationed at Washington, D. C. They have one daughter, Virginia Lee, who graduated at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, on June 6, 1949. 3. Mary Travers, who married Harold D. Shriver, and they have two children, Mary Ann and Dorothy.

**O. SHELDON CHANDLER, SR.**, prominent Eastern Shore executive, is president of the Berlin Milling Company, with which firm he has been associated for many years in capacities ranging from office boy to his present position. He is also vice president

of the Salisbury Milling Company, and is active politically and in business men's organizations.

The son of Oscar M. and Hattie W. (Nock) Chandler, he was born in Mappsville, Virginia, October 14, 1901. Oscar Chandler was a farmer and merchant of Worcester County. His son attended Snow Hill public school, and the Buckingham High School of Berlin, Maryland. Until the age of twenty he remained on his father's farm, and at that time, the year of his marriage, became associated with the Berlin Milling Company, with which he has since remained. Entering as an office boy, he has risen to the highest position in the company. On January 1, 1948, the Salisbury Milling Company was founded and O. Sheldon Chandler became its vice president.

Prominent in political circles in connection with his party, the Democratic, he is secretary of the Democratic State Central Committee of Worcester County. He is past president of the Berlin and Ocean City Lions Club, and is now a director of this organization. He also belongs to the Berlin Business Men's Association. His church is the Methodist Episcopal of Berlin.

When on January 1, 1948, the Salisbury Milling Company was formed to manage the Salisbury plant as a separate corporate entity, Clinton E. Quillin became president of the newly formed organization, and Mr. Chandler, who had been vice president of the Berlin Milling Company, became president of the latter firm. The original Berlin Milling Company, from which the two present firms stem, grew steadily from the time of its founding. It suffered during its history two severe fires, the first, occurring in 1912, the other in 1945. The company has weathered this crisis admirably, however, despite the difficulty of rebuilding in the face of material shortages.

The company, now in full operation, manufactures a complete quality line of mixed poultry feeds, and is noted also for its flour, bearing the "Berlin Best Flour" label. Commercially the firm is of much more than local importance. From Ohio, as well as from neighboring counties, comes its supply of wheat. Its final products are distributed throughout the Eastern Shore, chiefly through the medium of the firm's own trucks. In addition to the new milling equipment, the firm's processes of washing and bleaching give the product a pure and attractive appearance which enhances its value on the market.

O. Sheldon Chandler, Sr., married in Berlin, November 24, 1920, Macon K. Quillin, daughter of Jehu D. Quillin, one of the founders of the Berlin Milling Company, and of Bertie A. (Bowen) Quillin. They are the parents of two children: 1. O. Sheldon, Jr., born April 27, 1928. 2. Bowen Quillin, born February 20, 1938.

**EDWARD N. EVANS**—A young man whose progress to a position of executive responsibility with the Cambridge Wire Cloth Company has been rapid is Edward N. Evans. He is active also in community affairs, and the career ahead of him promises to be one of usefulness both to the industry he has chosen to serve, and to his town.

Born in Selbyville, Delaware, on January 5, 1912, Edward N. Evans is the son of Harley and Mary M. (Murray) Evans. Both were of Sussex County, Delaware, and his father is now deceased. After attending public school in Delaware, and Pennington Preparatory School, he matriculated at Washington





*O. Sheldon Chandler Sr.*





College and, graduating there with the class of 1935, received his Bachelor of Arts degree.

He came with the Cambridge Wire Cloth Company immediately after completion of his college studies, beginning there as an estimator, and subsequently becoming sales manager. He filled this post until 1944 when, in consequence of his conscientious service and marked ability, he was promoted to secretary-treasurer, which office he holds at the present time. His abilities have been recognized too by his fellow-townsmen, and he has become a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of its publicity and public relations committee. He is a Democrat in his political views.

He belongs to a number of Masonic organizations, being a member of all the York Rite bodies in Cambridge, and of Boumi Temple of the Shrine in Baltimore. He is past master of Cambridge Lodge Number 66.

His hobbies are boating and golf, and he is commodore of the Cambridge Yacht Club, and member of the Cambridge Country Club, of which he was secretary-treasurer in 1942. His church is the Methodist.

On June 30, 1938, Edward N. Evans married Lorraine Pink. Her father, Clarence E. Pink, is the subject of a biographical sketch found elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are the parents of two children: 1. Edward N., II, born July 31, 1940. 2. Stephen Ronald, born February 24, 1945.

**GEORGE WALTER MAPP**—Among those who have played a significant role in the history of the state of Virginia, George Walter Mapp stands high. Throughout a lifetime of service as a member of the State Senate and as an eminent attorney of Accomack, he was an inspiration to all those who knew him. His magnanimous personality and high standards of personal integrity endeared him to a host of warm personal friends who found him a source of unbounded kindness, vision and optimism.

Mr. Mapp was born May 25, 1873, at "Glenwood," near Wachapreague, Accomack County, son of John Emory and Margaret Benson (LeCato) Mapp. The first member of the Mapp family to come to the American continent was John Mapp, a native of England who settled on the Eastern Shore of Virginia about 1654. John Emory Mapp, father of George Walter Mapp, was a member of the seventh generation of the family to live in the Eastern Shore region. He was widely known as a physician, being in active practice for nearly fifty years. In addition, he was engaged in extensive farming operations, and for almost twenty years served as superintendent of schools for the Accomack County educational system. The elder Mr. Mapp was born February 1, 1846, and died April 30, 1927. He married Margaret Benson LeCato, daughter of Nathaniel James LeCato, a large landowner and gentleman farmer.

Walter Mapp received his early education in the public schools of his native county. After procuring a good secondary education, he entered the College of William and Mary. While working for his Bachelor of Arts degree he served as assistant professor of English and history. In addition, he acted as principal of a public school near Keller, Virginia, for a year. Upon obtaining his bachelor's degree in 1894, he entered Centre College at Danville, Kentucky. While there, besides gaining the degree of Bachelor of Laws, he taught three years at the Hogsett Military Academy.

Upon completion of his formal legal training, Mr. Mapp, in 1897, began the practice of law at the courthouse in Accomack, Virginia. Here he practiced for more than a decade, steadily building up a reputation for skill in his profession. By 1911 he had gained such wide popularity that he was chosen by the citizens of his community to hold the important public office of State Senator in the Virginia Legislature. While a member of the State Senate he was active in the prohibition movement. In recognition of his leadership in this cause, the state prohibition law was known as the "Mapp Act." He sponsored many other important bills, including those relating to the improvement of the state school system, child welfare, woman suffrage, completion of the state highway network, and welfare of the farmers of the state.

In 1923, after a brilliant tenure of office, he resigned to run for the high office of Governor of Virginia. He was defeated in 1924 by United States Senator Harry Flood Byrd, and again in 1928 by John Garland Pollard. Nevertheless, he played an important part in the work of the Democratic party throughout his long career. In 1905 he was elected to the position of Accomack County chairman of the party, and served in this capacity until his entrance into the State Senate. In addition, he was several times named as delegate-at-large to the Democratic National Convention.

After stepping down from the high position of State Senator he returned to his law practice which he continued until the close of his life. The general character of his work was of such sterling quality that he gained a wide reputation throughout the Eastern Shore region.

Mr. Mapp held important positions of responsibility in civic affairs. He was appointed commissioner of fisheries for the state of Virginia by Governor James H. Price on March 19, 1938. Governor E. Lee Trinkle appointed him to membership on the board of visitors of the College of William and Mary in 1922. Subsequently he was twice elected vice rector, and in 1940 was made rector of this college. During his long tenure of service he devoted much time and energy in behalf of the institution, and, in 1934, as a token of appreciation he was awarded an Alumni Medallion for service and loyalty.

Mr. Mapp was prominent in the business life of his community. He owned and directed the operations of many successful farms and was director of several local banks. He held a directorship in the Eastern Shore Publishing Company, was president of the Eastern Shore Transit Company, helped organize the Eastern Shore Produce Exchange, and was at one time secretary of the Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair Association. This association was known as Keller Fair, the oldest continuous county fair in the United States, having been organized in 1878. He served as vice president of the Eastern Shore Ferry Corporation, and was one of the organizers and a director of the Chincoteague Bridge Corporation. He was highly regarded in educational circles, and acted for a time as superintendent of schools for Accomack County.

Fraternally, he was active as a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, Phi Beta Kappa, and Phi Alpha. A worthy honor was bestowed upon Mr. Mapp when he received the Algernon Sidney Sullivan award, established by the New York Southern Society and given to those who demonstrate admirable qualities during a lifetime of usefulness. In religious affiliation he was a

Methodist, serving as a steward in the Drummond-town Church. At one time he was superintendent of the Sunday school and taught the Men's Bible Class. He also was active in church work as a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church.

In spite of his rigorous program of activity, Mr. Mapp found time for hobbies and recreations. He cultivated an excellent flower garden, was fond of his many pets, took an interest in the breeding of livestock, and went on trips for the purpose of getting in some worth-while hunting and fishing.

In November, 1900, in Accomack County at the town of Onancock, George Walter Mapp married (first) Georgia Richardson Quinby, daughter of Upshur B. Quinby, a widely known attorney of Onancock. She died July 31, 1901. Mr. Mapp married (second) on November 9, 1910, at Snow Hill, Mildred Townsend Aydelotte, daughter of John S. Aydelotte who was a prominent physician of that city. They became the parents of the following children: 1. John Aydelotte, who lives in Richmond, Virginia, and acts as director of the Richmond Consultation Service, and member of the staff of the State Department of Education. 2. George Walter, Jr., (q.v.), who is an attorney at Accomac.

On February 2, 1941, at Nassawadox, Virginia, George Walter Mapp passed away. His death was a cause of deep sorrow among his many friends throughout the state who had come to know him as a man of high ideals, firm allegiance of conduct in professional and personal affairs, and open-minded vision. He was extremely generous, was just in all dealings, and possessed a keen sense of humor. His personal friends as well as his professional and business colleagues had found him always cheerful, congenial and optimistic, and he was beloved and respected in his community. With his passing the state of Virginia lost one of its most distinguished and honored citizens.

**GEORGE WALTER MAPP, JR.**—As a member of one of Virginia's distinguished families, and a leading young attorney of Accomac, George Walter Mapp, Jr., merits the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens. Integrity and honesty have earned for him a sturdy reputation among many close friends and professional colleagues.

Mr. Mapp was born November 17, 1915, at Accomac, Virginia, son of George Walter, Sr., and Mildred (Aydelotte) Mapp. George Walter Mapp, Sr., (q.v.), father of George Mapp, Jr., served his community as eminent attorney, and as member of the Virginia State Senate.

George Mapp, Jr., attended public and high school in Accomac and the Episcopal High School of Alexandria, Virginia. He then entered college, and in 1937 received his Bachelor of Arts degree. Two years later he gained the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the University of Virginia Law School.

Upon completing his formal education, Mr. Mapp became associated with his father in the practice of law at Accomac. After the passing of the elder Mr. Mapp, George Walter Mapp, Jr., continued his successful practice alone until after the outbreak of World War II. In 1943 he entered the United States Navy and served as a lieutenant, senior grade, participating in nine invasions as a member of the officer personnel of the destroyer U.S.S. "Abner Reed." During the Battle of Leyte Gulf in the Philippine Islands his ship was sunk. After this engagement he was brought back to the United States and assigned to the First

Naval District in Boston as a ships' service officer. In 1946, following nearly three years of active duty, he received his honorable discharge from the Navy and returned to law practice at Accomac. Since reestablishing himself in the legal profession of this city he has continued to enhance his reputation as a lawyer, taking part in many important cases.

Mr. Mapp plays an active role in the work of prominent groups and organizations. Professionally, he holds memberships in the American Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, and the Accomack and Northampton Bar Association. He belongs to the Lee District Ruritan Club, and the Lions Club of Onancock, Virginia. Fraternally, he is a member of Phi Kappa Sigma, and Phi Delta Phi. In religious faith he is a Methodist and attends the local Methodist Church.

On November 11, 1939, at Norfolk, Virginia, George Walter Mapp, Jr., married Rebecca Douglass, daughter of Ralph B. and Renova (Beard) Douglass. Mr. and Mrs. Mapp became the parents of the following children: 1. Mildred Douglass, who was born August 28, 1942. 2. Margaret Aydelotte, born October 19, 1945. 3. Carolyn LeCato, who was born October 19, 1947.

**STANTON ADKINS**—Outstanding among the pioneer business men of the Eastern Shore of Maryland was Stanton Adkins, who in 1861 purchased an old sawmill at Powellville in Wicomico (then Worcester) County and began the manufacture of lumber. The business which he started has grown and thrived, as one generation after another of the Adkins Family (q.v.) has contributed to its development, until today the great concern of E. S. Adkins and Company of Salisbury is "one of the largest, most modern and completely equipped in the country," supplying everything needed for the building trade. Stanton Adkins had a deep-rooted interest in his community and its growth and welfare, and was prominent in the political life of his day.

He was born on October 18, 1820, in that part of Worcester County which has since become Wicomico County. Although the Eastern Shore had been settled long before his day, its development had proceeded at a slow pace, and there had been little building except as each man was his own architect and builder. His life coincided with the great period of growth and development throughout the Atlantic seaboard and on his own Eastern Shore. For many years before he bought his sawmill, Stanton Adkins had been operating a gristmill, turned by his mill-pond at the north side of the little village of Powellville. It provided corn meal for the markets of Worcester County. Believing that the great demand for building material in his community would justify him in his move, Stanton Adkins purchased an old "up-and-down" sawmill, which could turn out about eighteen hundred feet of lumber from sunup to sundown; a good day's output in that period. He operated that mill until his death in 1871, supplying his neighbors for many miles around with the rough framing and boards which they needed for building.

Meantime he had played a prominent part in the affairs of the community, taking an active interest in politics in a locality which was torn by the contentions of those sympathetic to the North and South respectively. According to the family records he was "a prominent Republican and a member of the Old School Baptist Church."

He married and brought up his family in Powell-



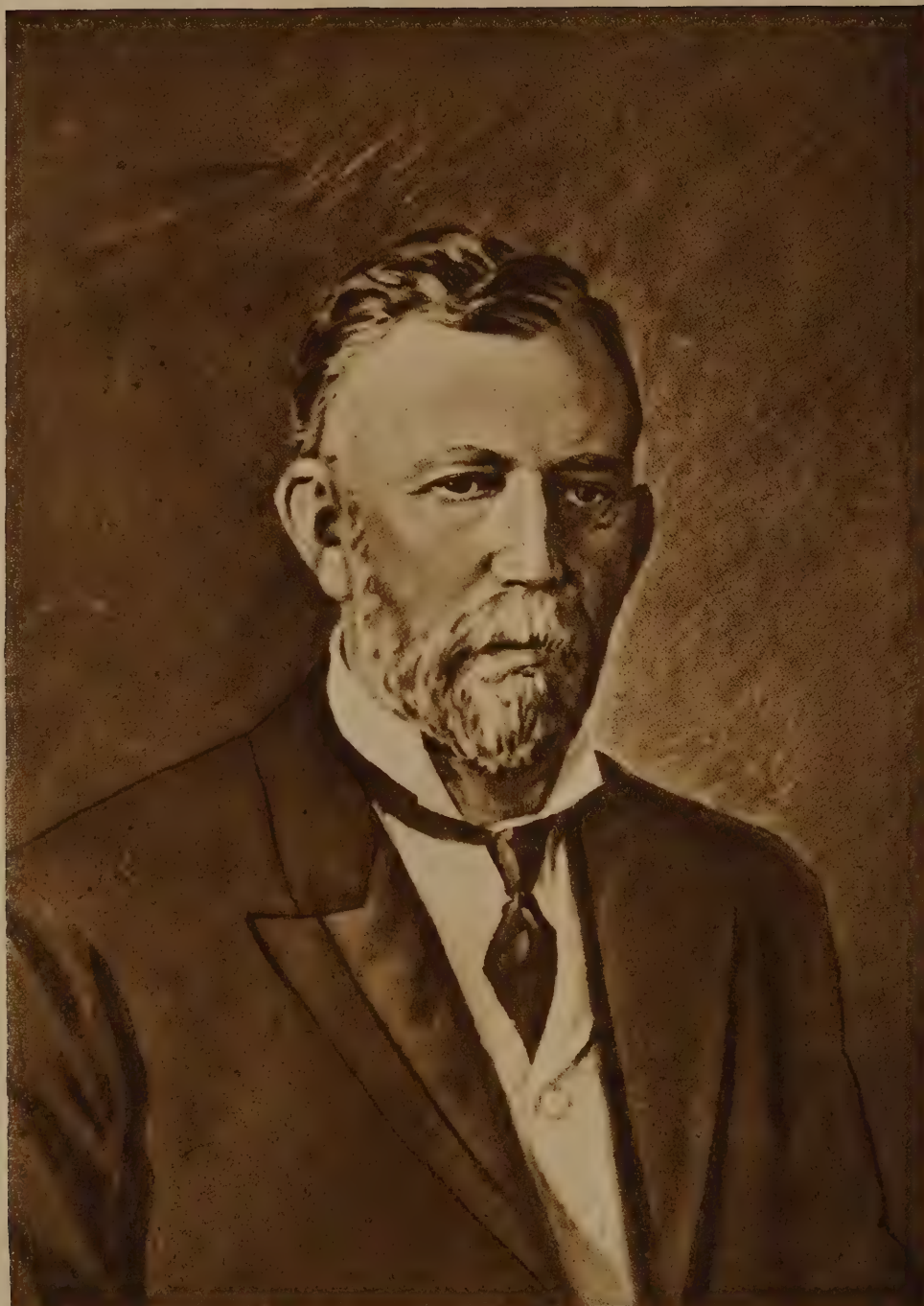


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*Elijah Stanton Adkins*

ville. Upon his death in 1871, active management of the mill was assumed by his son, Elijah Stanton Adkins, a biography of whom follows.

In the handsome anniversary booklet which the grandsons of Stanton Adkins got out in commemoration of fifty years of business under the firm name of E. S. Adkins and Company, it is said of Grandfather Stanton Adkins that he "established a pride of accomplishment and a rigid creed of respect for those whom we were to serve. That has been our guiding signpost toward 'doing it better today than it was done yesterday.'" And again, with reference to the achievements of Eastern Shore men and women: "As a fair example, prideful reference is made to the manner in which the seed of industry and ambition was planted and nurtured for one Eastern Shore family. It is the plain, homely case of a man recognizing the immediate needs of a community and turning raw materials to useful purposes for that community—doing it successfully and then handing the formula for the success down to his descendants. That man was Stanton Adkins. . . . Grandfather Adkins lived but fifty-one years, but they were lively years, spent constructively and industriously although not too remuneratively, in the interests of the community, religion and politics." Thus Stanton Adkins is remembered by his descendants, who have adopted his formula for success and continued to build it into the business which he started and which survives today as a memorial to his efforts.

**ELIJAH STANTON ADKINS**—Typical of those Americans who built up thriving enterprises from small beginnings during the latter years of the nineteenth century and the early years of the twentieth, Elijah Stanton Adkins was up to his death in 1912 one of Salisbury's best known citizens. He had inherited from his father a small water-power sawmill in Powellville, and, having replaced it with a modern steam-driven circular saw, he moved his mill to Salisbury in 1893 and founded the lumber business of E. S. Adkins and Company, which today is one of the largest, most modern, and best equipped concerns of its kind in the entire country. "Lige" or "Lige Stant," as Mr. Adkins was known to his friends and contemporaries, was an able business man with a constant interest in progress and development, and it was due to his keen foresight and aggressive methods that the business was able not only to keep pace with the demands made upon it but to serve as a leader in its field. Today his sons carry on the business, building on the foundations which he laid.

Elijah Stanton Adkins was born June 25, 1849, in Powellville, the son of Stanton Adkins (q.v.). He assumed the active management of the Adkins mill upon his father's death in 1871. The young "Lige" was then twenty-six, and the initial impact of his youthful energy upon the business is thus described in the commemorative anniversary booklet issued by E. S. Adkins and Company in 1943 to celebrate fifty years of active business on the Eastern Shore:

"Following the death of grandfather Stanton Adkins, the son, Elijah Stanton Adkins, broad of body and shrewd of mind, immediately assumed complete management of the mill. A commercial mind rich in its mixture of enterprise, venture, and perceptive foresightedness furnished the old mill with much needed acceleration. Aggressive improvement became a throbbing reality. Changes, progressive changes were made. New equipment brought in, old equipment tossed out. By 1883 the old up-and-down saw had come down for the last time—a new steam driven circular saw of latest type was installed. That was

the true badge of up-to-dateness in lumber milling, for it was not many years before that the circular saw had just completed the experimental term in its development.

"The business grew—demands for its products became heavier and requisitions came from points beyond its usual trading area. Standards established twenty years before had to be maintained. Relaxing upon the efforts in the maintenance of quality and service could only result in decline and that word had no place in the Adkins business vocabulary. To more fully meet customers' requirements, a planer was added to the mill equipment, then came mortising machinery and hub turning lathes for making wagon wheel hubs. Incidentally, the manufacture of wheel hubs became quite an important part in the manufacturing end of the business in those days. . . .

"It was a much easier task to meet the demands with the added mill facilities than it was to bridge the shortage of shipping and transportation facilities. Powellville was remotely situated from railroads or boats and it became imperative in the eyes of 'Lige' Adkins that the plant must be moved to a locality adjacent to more convenient and adequate transportation facilities. Salisbury was the chosen locality."

In 1892, despite the panic and depression of that year, Elijah Stanton Adkins bought the plot of ground where the Adkins Mill now stands, nine acres in the triangle between the junction of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk and Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic railroads. There he built a modern mill, and in the year 1893 founded E. S. Adkins and Company of Salisbury. States the anniversary booklet quoted above: "His broad vision was a faultless guide for Elijah Adkins' judgement. But aside from the pure business perspicacity involved he possessed a peculiar kind of honest sentimentality. Yes, Salisbury held positive promise, but she also had a dramatic and colorful background. Her historical episodes had each been a steppingstone toward higher accomplishments. Elijah Stanton Adkins loved her antecedents. His retrospection had great bearing on his decision: that, and the importance of shipping facilities for his products. Salisbury had demonstrated a resoluteness and indomitable energy which seemed to fit into his own vigorous character. . . .

"Is it any wonder then that 'Lige' Adkins, first, born in the very bosom of the American spirit of vigorous activity and then surrounded all of his life by tangible evidence of the strong character of the forebears of the community, went about the building of his business along ambitious lines?

"True there were times when his ambitions pushed him beyond the lines of financial caution. Foremost and the very apex of 'Lige' Stanton's aspirations was to develop a business built upon the confidence of his fellow men. Quality to 'Lige' Adkins was all embracing. It included quality of product, quality of service and quality of relationship to his customers. Frequently the ratio of finances to aspirations and accomplishment found no place in the mind of this man whose entire intent was directed toward his goal to succeed. This by no means meant an absence of personal integrity. His honesty knew no questioning—his candor and frank truthfulness had won for 'Lige' Stanton the everlasting trust and faith of his friends, neighbors, customers and employees. The complexities of business finance to him were a bore but integrity was inviolable. . . .

"A big stalwart man—truly a man's man—whose physical durability and tireless energies set an example for the men around him, 'Lige' Adkins, with a native



consideration for the other man, won the undying loyalty and respect of every man who worked for him. He realized that the very foundation upon which his success must be durably built was the devotion of his associates. . . . He brought new, young ideas into the business. His practices were clean, honest and above-board. A community of endeavors with competitors precluded any possibility of destructive trade hostilities—and the Adkins business thrived."

In 1896 the oldest of the four Adkins sons, Fred P. Adkins (q.v.), entered the business, and the other three sons followed in due course. The story of the later development and present prestige of E. S. Adkins and Company is the story of their combined contributions to the business which their father had started and given such momentum along the path to its most recent achievements. Up until his death in 1912 he was active in the management of the company. It was he who, after the disastrous fire of 1904 which completely destroyed the mill, went confidently forward to rebuild it with greatly improved facilities and capacities. He took a great pride in the fact that the millwork, panelling and building materials for many of the beautiful structures on the Eastern Shore were produced in the Adkins plant. Meantime he was taking an active part in community affairs, and from May, 1904, when the Peoples National Bank was organized in Salisbury, he served as a member of its board of directors.

On January 29, 1876, Elijah Stanton Adkins had married Henrietta Frances Tilghman, who had been born in Worcester County, September 29, 1854, the daughter of Samuel Henry Thompson and Hettie Ann Coulbourn (Jones) Tilghman, her father being the owner and operator of a gristmill near Whiton. The Tilghman family is one of the pioneer families of the Eastern Shore and many of its members have played a prominent role in its annals. Henrietta (Tilghman) Adkins died, in Salisbury, November 14, 1908.

Elijah Stanton and Henrietta (Tilghman) Adkins were the parents of the following children: Edwin Stanton, born January 3, 1877, died August 24, 1878; Fred(erick) P(aul), born November 9, 1878; Edna Urith, born January 23, 1881; Elijah Dale, born August 14, 1883; Harry C(ovington), born January 10, 1886; Wilsie Ann, born May 17, 1889; Samuel F(rancis) M(arion), born November 21, 1893; Minnie Rosina, born July 28, 1896.

Elijah Stanton Adkins died on November 28, 1912, at the age of sixty three. He had lived a full life, had seen his business reach success of a very high order and play a leading part in the growth and development of the Eastern Shore, and had seen his sons come into the business and throw their energies into continuing it along the same lines as those he believed in. In the thirty-odd years since his death it has prospered under their management, and today it still functions as a living memorial to the tradition which he established and the precepts which he embodied.

**FRED P. ADKINS**—The name of Fred P. Adkins is associated with a number of enterprises, but primarily with that of E. S. Adkins and Company, of which he is president. Mr. Adkins is also an official in other concerns, and has been prominent in community activities.

The son of Elijah Stanton and Henrietta Frances (Tilghman) Adkins was born at Powellville, Wicomico County, on November 9, 1878. He was educated in the public schools of Salisbury and Goldey Business College, class of 1896. In 1896 he entered the

lumber business headed by his father. An account of Elijah Adkins' life and of his activities in the lumber business precedes this record. As a young man, Fred Adkins showed an aptitude for business, and this talent was put to good use in his association with his father. During the years of growth of the Adkins lumber enterprise, his efforts meshed perfectly with the organizational driving gears, and the success achieved marked him for positions of trust in other connections. First, of course, is his official capacity in branches of the original firm: the Adkins Company at Berlin, and Adkins and Douglas Company located in Hurlock. Of both these organizations he is president. He is also one of the organizers, and was president in 1946, of the Chesapeake Airways at Salisbury. With his brothers, he purchased the "Wicomico News" about the year 1918, and from 1918 to 1925, he was president of the News Publishing Company. In 1921 he started the Salisbury "Times," which continues to operate.

Mr. Adkins was the first Republican ever elected county commissioner, in 1917, and he later served his state as tax commissioner from 1935 to 1939, as member of the State Industrial Accident Commission from 1939 to 1942, and, under appointment of Governor Lane in 1947, as district representative for the Eastern Shore of Maryland Fuel Administration. During both World Wars he was active in bond, community, and organizational drives, holding chairmanships on several occasions. Notably he was chairman of the Wicomico County War Price and Rationing Board during World War II. He was an organizer and first president in 1926 of the Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore Association, an organizer and first president from 1921 to 1924 of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, and a charter member, now past member, of the Salisbury Rotary Club. It is largely through his efforts that Salisbury now has a large modern hotel, for he was first president and helped in the promotion of the Wicomico Hotel in 1924. In 1923 he was chairman of the building committee that erected the Bethesda Methodist Church, in which there is mounted a tablet expressing appreciation for his relentless efforts in behalf of securing this magnificent structure for the congregation. He has long held a position on the official board of the church, and he was formerly superintendent of the Sunday school. Chosen as one of the delegates from Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, he attended the conference held at Kansas City in 1937, when all branches of Methodism were united as the Methodist Church. He has been a member of the board of the John B. Parsons Home for the Aged and of the Peninsula General Hospital, and a trustee of Western Maryland College.

As a Mason, Mr. Adkins is a member and past master of the Wicomico Lodge No. 91, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; member of the Scottish Rite, in which body he holds the honorary Thirty-third degree; and of the Shrine.

At Salisbury, on November 19, 1902, Fred P. Adkins married Edna Sheppard. They had two daughters: one, Bertha Sheppard Adkins, now living with her father; Mrs. Adkins having died March 9, 1944. The other daughter, Eleanor Frances, died in October, 1918.

**ELIJAH DALE ADKINS**—A prominent lumber dealer of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Elijah Dale Adkins, vice president of E. S. Adkins and Company of Salisbury, manages the Easton, Centreville and Chestertown branches. Mr. Adkins has been in the







Fred P. Adkins



Edw. Atkins









Harry C. Adams





*Samuel F. W. Adkins*



lumber business all his life. He takes an active interest in local affairs and belongs to a number of organizations.

Elijah Dale Adkins was born in Worcester County, August 14, 1883, the son of Elijah Stanton and Henrietta Frances (Tilghman) Adkins. After attending the local public schools, Mr. Adkins became associated with the lumber business which had been established by his father in 1893, and he has spent his entire business in this industry, which he knows from the ground up. In addition to maintaining headquarters at Easton, Mr. Adkins also operates at Centreville and Chestertown.

Mr. Adkins is a Methodist and a Republican. In 1924 Mr. Adkins was the first Republican to be elected to the Maryland Senate from Wicomico County. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Wicomico Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Chesapeake Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, Thomas J. Shryock Commandery of the Knights Templar, of which he is Past Commander, and Chesapeake Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He belongs to the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, the Tred Avon Yacht Club and the Talbot Country Club.

Elijah Dale Adkins was married on June 5, 1913, to Jessie Graham of Kent County, and they have two children: 1. Elijah Dale Adkins, Jr. (q.v.). 2. Sarah Graham Adkins, a graduate of Western Maryland College.

**ELIJAH DALE ADKINS, JR.**—One of the progressive young attorneys of Wicomico County, Elijah Dale Adkins, Jr., is referee in bankruptcy for eight counties on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He is associated with the law firm of Woodcock, Webb, Bounds & Travers of Salisbury, with offices in the Building & Loan Association building. Mr. Adkins has been practicing his profession since 1939, with the exception of the war years, when he served in the United States Army, entering the armed forces as a private in the Ordnance Department in 1941 and receiving his discharge in 1946 with the rank of major in the United States Army Air Force.

He was born in Salisbury, December 7, 1915, the son of Elijah Dale (q.v.) and Jessie (Graham) Adkins. He attended the elementary school at Salisbury and after two years at Salisbury High School entered Mercersburg Academy, graduating in 1932. He graduated from Haverford College in 1936, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and from the Harvard University Law School in 1939, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Upon being admitted to the Maryland bar, he became associated with the firm of Woodcock, Webb, Bounds & Travers of Salisbury and began to practice law.

Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941, was Mr. Adkins's twenty-sixth birthday. He entered the United States Army in 1941 as a private in the Ordnance Department. Later he was transferred to the Headquarters of the United States Army Air Forces. He served throughout World War II and was discharged in 1946 with the rank of major. Upon returning to civilian life he resumed his law practice in Salisbury and he is now filling the post of referee in bankruptcy for eight counties on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. In his political affiliations, Mr. Adkins is a Republican. He is a member of the Salisbury Rotary Club and of the Bethesda Methodist Church. He is a member of the Tred Avon Yacht Club, and the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, and of the Maryland Bar Association and the Wicomico County Bar Association.

He married at New Canaan, Connecticut, on June

23, 1945, Emily Jewett Schweppe, the daughter of William H. and Emily (Wilt) Schweppe, her father being an automotive engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Adkins are the parents of two sons: Elijah Dale Adkins, III, born September 8, 1946; and William Schweppe Adkins, born August 16, 1948, both in Salisbury.

**HARRY C. ADKINS**—A leading business executive of Salisbury, Harry C. Adkins has made valuable contributions toward the commercial development of his community. His energy, resourcefulness, and business integrity have gained for him a sterling reputation among all those with whom he has had dealings.

Mr. Adkins was born January 10, 1886, at Powellville, son of Elijah Stanton (q.v.) and Henrietta Frances (Tilghman) Adkins. He received his elementary education in the public schools of Wicomico County and was graduated from Salisbury High School. He entered Western Maryland College, and after completing the prescribed course of study, received his degree from that institution of higher learning.

Two years after completing his formal training, Mr. Adkins became associated with E. S. Adkins and Company as secretary and treasurer. Throughout the years he has held these two positions, performing his duties with efficiency and fidelity. In addition to his work in these capacities, he serves as assistant director of sales and is in charge of purchasing for the firm's building materials department.

In addition to his business interests, he is active in other phases of community life. A member and director of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, he was president of that body in 1946. He is a member of the board of trustees of Western Maryland College and holds membership in the Rotary Club. During the second World War, he served as a member of Draft Board No. 2 of Wicomico County. In fraternal association, he belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, holding the Thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. In religious affiliation he is a Methodist, and is a trustee of the Bethesda Methodist Church.

On October 10, 1925, at Pocomoke City, Harry C. Adkins married Hilda Long, daughter of W. A. and Lola (Gibbons) Long. Her father was engaged in farming at Pocomoke City. Mr. and Mrs. Adkins became the parents of one child, Eleanor Frances Adkins, who was born December 30, 1930.

**SAMUEL F. M. ADKINS**—An important business executive of Salisbury, Samuel F. M. Adkins for many years has played an outstanding role in the commercial and industrial life of his community.

Mr. Adkins was born November 21, 1893, at Salisbury, son of Elijah Stanton (q.v.) and Henrietta Frances (Tilghman) Adkins. He attended the public and high schools of his home town, and was graduated from Western Maryland College in 1914.

After three years experience in business, Mr. Adkins, on July 27, 1917, enlisted in the United States Army at Fort Slocum, New York. He served with Headquarters Company of the Twentieth Engineers Regiment in France from November 11, 1917, until May 7, 1919. After rendering valuable services to his country overseas, he was returned to this country, and received his honorable discharge on May 29, 1919, at Camp Meade, Maryland. Upon returning to civilian life, Mr. Adkins joined E. S. Adkins and Company. Throughout the years he has remained with this firm, holding increasingly important and responsible positions. Today he serves the company as vice president



and general manager and has charge of all manufacturing and servicing details. He supervises every step of production from the sawmill on through all stages of manufacture to the delivery to the customer. His outstanding work has been largely responsible for the remarkable progress and prosperity of the lumber firm.

In addition to this business interest, Mr. Adkins acts as secretary and director of the Wicomico Hotel Company, and holds directorships in the Peninsula General Hospital and the Middle Atlantic Lumbermen's Association. He is also chairman of the Wicomico Forestry Board. In his community, Mr. Adkins is a member of Wicomico Post No. 64 of the American Legion at Salisbury, and, fraternally, he belongs to Wicomico Lodge No. 91, of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and in religious preference he adheres to the Methodist faith.

On May 14, 1921, at Salisbury, Samuel F. M. Adkins married Juanita Read Herold, daughter of Julius and Adelaide Read (Huston) Herold. Her father was a minister of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Adkins became the parents of the following children: 1. Samuel F. M., Jr., who was born June 20, 1922; attended Salisbury public schools and was graduated from Dartmouth College in the class of 1942; after graduation from college he served during the second World War for two years in France with the United States Army Signal Corps, and is now engaged in the newspaper business. 2. Elijah Stanton, 2nd, who was born March 23, 1924; attended Salisbury public schools and was graduated from Brown University in 1943; he served in the United States Navy as a lieutenant, junior grade, from February 1, 1944, until July, 1946, and is now engaged with his father in the lumber business.

**JOHN THOMAS KIBLER**—Member of the firm of C. W. Kibler and Sons, John Thomas Kibler has during his life shown marked abilities in other fields than business: as an athlete, a soldier, and an educator.

The son of Charles Wilmer and Julia (Tucker) Kibler, both native Marylanders, John Thomas Kibler was born in Queen Anne's County on July 17, 1886. The family were early settlers in the Eastern Shore region, and his father, in his early years a farmer and later a coal dealer, became the founder of C. W. Kibler and Sons of Chestertown. There were four children: 1. Bertha, who died in her teens. 2. Laura, who died at six years. 3. Charles W., Jr. 4. John Thomas.

John Thomas Kibler received his early education in the public schools of Chestertown, then entering Temple University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree. At this period he became conspicuous for his athletic prowess, being on the football, baseball, track, and basketball teams. Fraternally, he was affiliated with Kappa Alpha. After his graduation from Temple University, he attended three summer sessions at Yale College, from which he received a degree in physical education.

His first work after leaving Temple University had been that of assistant physical instructor and football coach, and head baseball and basketball coach at Lehigh University. After this he went to Ohio University, where he remained until 1913 as assistant physical director, head coach in baseball and basketball, and assistant coach of the football team. Returning to Chestertown, he became director of physical education and coach at Washington College, and, with the exception of time out during the two World Wars, remained there until 1947.

In 1946, there was added to his responsibilities the position of Dean of Men, at Washington College.

Mr. Kibler served in World War I, enlisting in the United States Army in May, 1917. He trained at Fort Myers, where he was commissioned first lieutenant and assigned to the 23rd Infantry, 1st Battalion, 2nd Division of Infantry. During his two years of service overseas, he was promoted to captain. He passed an examination for a commission in the regular army, but due to his father's death received his discharge in October, 1919. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, the Purple Heart with Palm, and a French citation; was wounded twice and gassed; and was mentioned three times in general orders.

He likewise offered his services in World War II, and was assigned to Camp Pickett as a special service officer. He rose in rank to lieutenant colonel, becoming post executive officer. He was relieved from active service February 12, 1946, and entered the Reserve Corps as a colonel.

Colonel Kibler has continued his military associations through membership in the American Legion, Frank Jarman Post No. 36. He has served several times as commander. He is a Mason, a member of Bounti Temple of the Shrine, in Baltimore.

He still retains an undiminished enthusiasm for athletic activities, as befits a man who played baseball for thirteen years from sand lot teams to major leagues, and who managed teams in the Ohio State and Texas leagues. He is at present a scout on the Eastern shore for the Boston Braves, and he was for three years president of the Eastern Shore Baseball League. He was president of the Chestertown Yacht and Country Club for four years.

In community affairs he is active as chairman of the Kent County School Building Committee, and is district chairman of the Boy Scout movement on the Eastern Shore. He attends the Episcopal Church, and is a Democrat.

On July 21, 1920, Colonel Kibler married Bessie Perry, of Centreville, Queen Anne's County. Of this marriage there were two children: 1. John Thomas, Jr., born December 7, 1922. He was a student and three letter man, member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity at Washington and Lee University, and enlisted in the United States Air Corps for service in World War II. Commissioned a first lieutenant, he was a fighter pilot in the 8th U. S. Air Corps and was killed in combat on October 15, 1944. 2. Mary Jane, who is a student at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York.

**JAMES KEENE SPICER** is the proprietor of one of the historic old farms of Dorchester County, and has a vast store of information on the lore of this locality. Though preferring the quiet, more secluded life of a farmer upon his own acres, which have comprised the family homestead for many years, Mr. Spicer is also a thorough student and has been so his life long.

Taylor's Island was Mr. Spicer's birthplace. His father, Theophilus T., was a farmer and shipbuilder. He built many of the vessels which were active in commerce on Chesapeake Bay and indeed the entire length of the Atlantic Seaboard, for the bay has always played an important part in coastwise shipping. Theophilus T. Spicer was the son of Travers Spicer, also a shipbuilder and a merchant, in a day when the two occupations were often combined. Theophilus T. Spicer married Elizabeth Chew Keene of Taylor's Island, daughter of Levin Keene, a native of Golden

Hill; and to this couple James Keene Spicer was born on June 25, 1874.

After attending the local schools, James Spicer enrolled at Bryant and Stratton Business College in Baltimore, thereafter continuing his education at Patrick's Business College in York, Pennsylvania. On graduation from this institution, Mr. Spicer had the distinction of writing his own diploma. This was in consequence of the fact that he had achieved considerable distinction at this business college as a penman and pen artist. Related to this skill, he had learned all he could concerning parchments, the preparation of sheepskin for use in diplomas, and allied arts, which had for him the fascination of a long tradition. For a time it seemed that these interests would determine the direction of his lifetime pursuits and indeed he taught penmanship for one year in Baltimore. Then, however, he was recalled to Taylors Island due to his parents' ill health, and has been satisfied to remain in his old home locality ever since, enjoying the independence and peace of mind which its life brought him, though never losing his interest in studious pursuits nor in the keen-minded observation of human nature.

The stimulus for Mr. Spicer's historical interests is to be found about him. Here, in one of the oldest-settled sections of the nation, he lives in a well-aged but solidly built farmhouse, a part of which is over three hundred years old. On the property stands the first public schoolhouse erected in Dorchester County. The farm has been intimately connected for years with the history of his family. During the time that it was operated by his father, an extensive grove of mulberry trees was planted here, bespeaking the initiative of Theophilus Spicer who wished to start here a silkworm business. These trees were smuggled out of China in a day when there was a death penalty for removing them from that country.

Now practically retired from active agricultural pursuits, Mr. Spicer is succeeded in the management of the farm by his nephew, Travers Spicer. The present holdings exceed four hundred acres, and the crops are diversified, with corn, wheat and tomatoes being the chief produce. Farming has not been the only interest of James Spicer, for he was engaged for several years in the lumber and piling business, in partnership with a cousin, and until recently was active in the management of an oyster business with his brother. A man of a wide range of mental endowments, he has prospered well in his business ventures, even as in the pursuits to which he has devoted the greater portion of his years.

Mr. Spicer is a Democrat in his political affiliations, and worships at the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a trustee.

On December 10, 1912, James Keene Spicer married Louise Sheppard, of Cambridge, who was the daughter of Harris and I. B. (Robinson) Sheppard. Mrs. Spicer died on December 31, 1939.

**SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND**, Democratic Representative in Congress of the First District of Virginia, which comprises Eastern Shore counties, was by profession an attorney who for many years practiced in Newport News. He represented his district in each successive Congress of the United States since the Sixty-fifth to the Eighty-first.

A native of Gloucester County, Virginia, Schuyler Otis Bland was born May 4, 1872, son of Schuyler and Olivia James (Anderson) Bland. On completion of his secondary education, Representative Bland entered William and Mary College, where he received

his academic training; and he prepared himself for the law through summer courses at the University of Virginia. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity, Southern order, and of Phi Beta Kappa.

On admission to the bar of the State of Virginia, in 1900, Schuyler Otis Bland became a member of the firm Harvey and Bland, with offices in Williamsburg and Newport News. This association continued during the years 1900 and 1901. He was later a member of the firm of Bickford and Stuart, and thereafter associated with R. G. Bickford. Still later, Representative Bland practiced independently, so continuing from 1909 as long as he was in practice at Newport News. In July, 1918, Schuyler Otis Bland was elected to the Sixty-fifth Congress, to succeed William A. Jones, deceased.

Mr. Bland's career in the Congress of the United States thus begun, he was returned to his seat in each successive Congress, the Sixty-fifth through the Eighty-first, and ably represented the people of the First Virginia District for over thirty years. His district included the counties of Accomack, Caroline, Elizabeth City, Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northampton, Northumberland, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Warwick, Westmoreland and York. The cities of Fredericksburg, Hampton and Newport News also fell within this jurisdiction. The population of the area comprised is in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand.

Professionally, Representative Bland was a member of the Virginia State Bar Association, the Newport News Bar Association, and Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Schuyler Otis Bland married Mary Putzel, of Newport News. He died February 16, 1950.

**HARRY THOMAS PHOEBUS**—A prominent citizen of the Eastern Shore is Harry T. Phoebus, native and resident of Oriole, Maryland, and active in the car, lumber, and real estate business in Princess Anne. In addition to his business interests, Mr. Phoebus plays an outstanding part in the political life of the community and has been elected to many offices on the Republican ticket. He is a strong candidate and always piles up the votes. Having held many state as well as county offices since he was first elected to the General Assembly of Maryland in 1917, and having made an energetic though unsuccessful campaign for the governorship in 1938, Mr. Phoebus is well known throughout the state. He is serving as state senator at the present time.

He was born in Oriole, February 24, 1894, the son of the late Henry B. and Emily (Willing) Phoebus, both natives of Oriole and both now deceased. Henry B. Phoebus was a farmer in Somerset County and a lifelong Republican.

Harry T. Phoebus attended the Oriole elementary school and Oriole High School. In 1914 he began his business career by becoming an agent for the Baltimore Life Insurance Company, and later served as assistant superintendent of this company. Meantime he went into the mercantile business for himself in Oriole, from 1914 to 1917, the year he first ran for office and was elected to the Maryland General Assembly. From then on, Mr. Phoebus has simultaneously and successfully carried on two careers, one in business, the other in politics, both furthered by his keen and whole-hearted interest in people, which has brought him an ever-widening circle of friends and acquaintances. He was engaged in the lumber



business for himself in Oriole until May, 1920. On May 27, 1921, he became the Ford Motor Company agent at Oriole and continued to handle Ford cars until 1927. Then for a year he conducted the Willys Overland Agency, and in 1928 took over the Chevrolet Agency at Princess Anne and ran it for ten years, until 1938. Since 1940 he has been engaged in the car business, the lumber business, and the real estate business in Princess Anne.

Mr. Phoebus has become one of the best known Republicans in the region. He held office as state representative from 1917 to 1919. Then in 1921 he was elected for a term of six years to the post of county commissioner, in Somerset County. After serving until 1926, he found it necessary to resign because he had meantime been elected county treasurer, a post he held for one term. In 1930 he was a candidate for the office of clerk of courts but was defeated by the small margin of forty-nine votes. He was elected state senator in 1934 by the largest majority ever received in Somerset County, and served as such for a term of four years. In 1937 he was appointed to the important post of Labor Commissioner for the State of Maryland. In 1938 he made a stirring campaign for Governor and though he was defeated, succeeded in getting the principles of the Republican party put squarely before the public. In 1946 he was reelected to the State Senate for a term of four years, receiving a majority larger by five hundred votes than that of anyone else on the ticket. He has played a leading part on the floor of the State Senate, and since he has a genuine enthusiasm for politics, which he regards as a "hobby" as well as an opportunity to be of public service, he may be expected to distinguish himself still further in this field in the years that lie ahead. Mr. Phoebus is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He also belongs to the Business Men's Association, and he is a trustee and steward of the Methodist Church.

He married in Baltimore on February 22, 1917, Vera Beauchamp, a native of Oriole and the daughter of Frank and Ida (Parks) Beauchamp. Mr. and Mrs. Phoebus are the parents of five children: Elizabeth K., Jean A., Harry T., Isaac T., and Priscilla, all born in Oriole.

**JUDGE JAMES FRAZER EVANS**—During his career as attorney at law, and later as associate judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, Judge James Frazer Evans has built the sort of reputation which can only rest on sound legal practice, exceptional ability and integrity.

Born January 19, 1873, in the city of Elkton, where he still resides, Judge Evans was the son of William Steel and Jennie (Frazer) Evans. William Steel Evans, descended from a family claiming some of the oldest settlers in Cecil County, was born near Rising Sun on December 16, 1846. The earliest member of the family on these shores was Robert Evans, who came from Wales in the seventeenth century, settling in Maryland. Of his three sons, James, John and Robert, Judge Evans is descendant and namesake of the first, James. This James Evans obtained from the state of Maryland a land patent for one hundred and ninety-six acres, and it was upon this farm, located near Rising Sun, that the family continued to live.

Judge Evans' father, William Steel Evans, attended West Nottingham Academy and later Lafayette Col-

lege. He prepared for his profession by study in the law office of Henry Archer, in Bel Air. Admitted to the bar about 1871, he opened an office in Elkton, where he continued in practice throughout his life. He served in public office as well, being state attorney of Cecil County for three terms. Active in the Democratic party, he participated in state politics, and his influence was wide. He died October 31, 1919.

His wife, Jennie (Frazer) Evans, was a native of Cecil County, born there in April, 1850. They were the parents of eight children: 1. James Frazer. 2. Rebecca Steel Evans, deceased, who married Reginald Constable; a native of Elkton. 3. John Patterson, deceased. 4. William Sterling, deceased, also of Elkton. 5. Emily, deceased, the widow of the late Judge Albert Constable, 3rd. 6. Harry C., deceased, also of Elkton. 7. Frank B., deceased. 8. Stanley, residing in Elkton.

Judge Evans began his education in the public schools, later attending Princeton University. He took up his study of law under his father's tutelage, and passed his Maryland bar examination on December 14, 1894. He began his practice in Elkton at the rather exceptional age of twenty-one, so that he has now passed the half-century mark in rendering professional service to his community. The assuming of public office was a logical outcome of his successful private practice, and in May, 1939, Governor O'Connor honored him with appointment as associate judge of the Second Judicial Circuit. He served in this post until December, 1943, returning then to private practice. Always loyal to the highest professional standards, Judge Evans succeeded, in addition, in acquiring a reputation for thoroughness and clear, logical reasoning which have marked as exceptional his court presentations.

Fraternally, Judge Evans is affiliated with the Masons; and while free from the claims of his active practice he enjoys the recreation of fishing. He is a lifelong Democrat.

Judge James Frazer Evans married, first, Bessie Scott, a native of Elkton. They had two children: 1. Elizabeth Gallagher, who married Rudolph York Taggart; they are the parents of one son, Rudolph York, III. 2. William Steel, II, who married Sara Lovett.

Judge Evans married Marguerite Rice Blanton, as his second wife.

**JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR**, founder and late president of the John W. Taylor Packing Company, Inc., engaged in many enterprises during his long and active life on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Beginning his association with the oyster business when he was eighteen years of age, and establishing the present company fifty years ago, Mr. Taylor came to head a great industry, with which his name is primarily associated. Yet he was also at various times engaged in the operation of a hardware store, a grocery store, a lumber mill, and a barrel factory, each under his own name. His accomplishments come immediately to mind in considering the economic development of the Eastern Shore during the present century.

Born near Makemie Park, in Accomack County, May 5, 1866, John William Taylor was a son of Asa J. and Rosa Ann (Justice) Taylor. His father, also a native of Accomack County, was born in 1845. He was a farmer and mill owner. A man of many enter-





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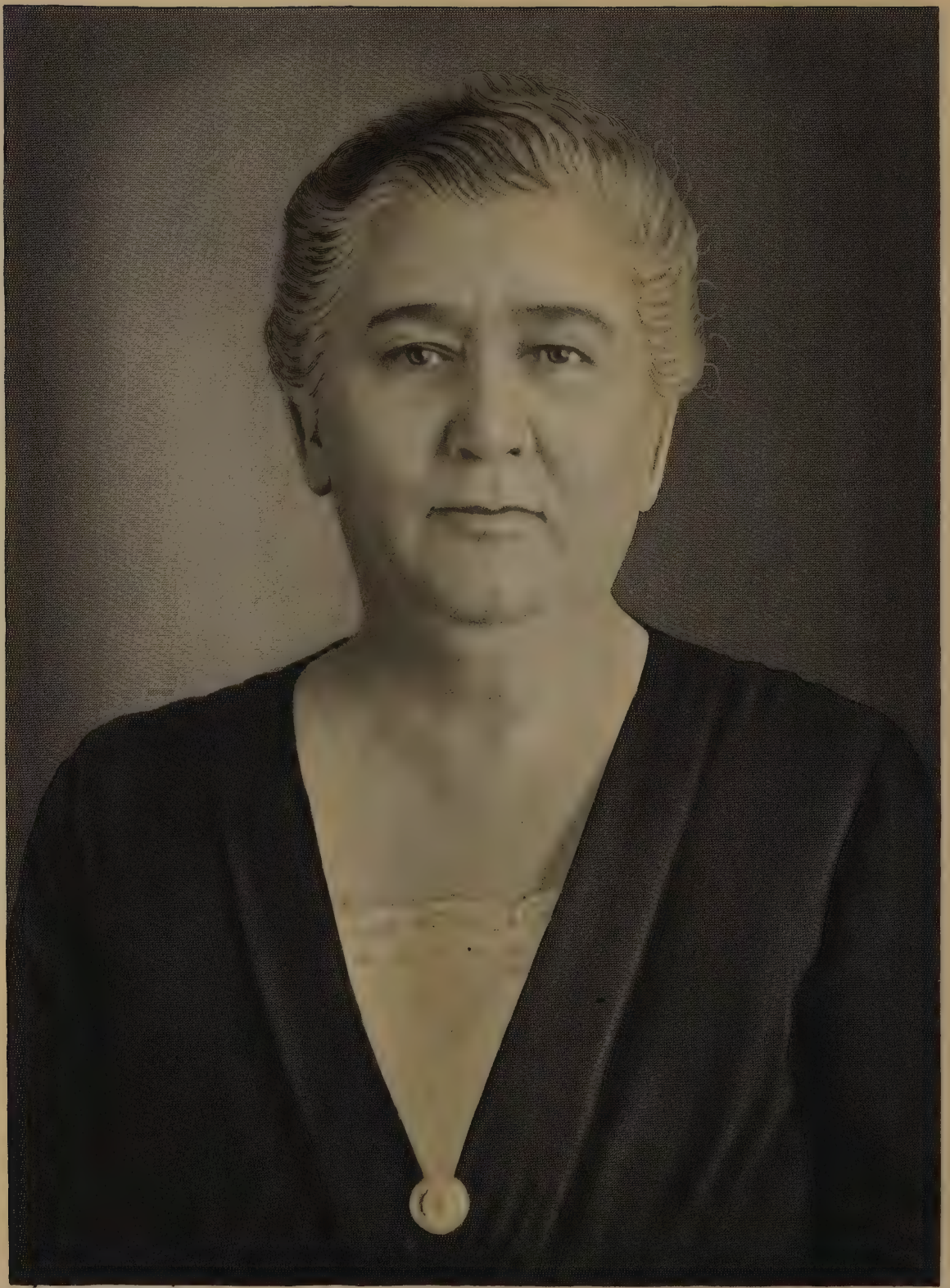
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prises, he also operated a grocery store at Bullbeggar, Virginia. His wife was likewise a native of Accomack County. Asa J. Taylor died as recently as 1942, having lived to the age of ninety-seven.

John William Taylor attended the public schools of Accomack County, and when eighteen years of age began an oyster business at Holden Creek, Virginia. At the same time the young man was associated with his father, in farming near Bullbeggar, until the time of his marriage in 1892. He then farmed for himself at "Wharton," near Mappsville. In 1900 he started the present firm, John W. Taylor Packing Company, beginning operations in a small way. Gradually this business grew under his skillful management, and at the time of his death, July 2, 1946, employed in the season about five hundred persons. It engages in the canning of tomatoes, Irish potatoes, and sweet potatoes. In the canning of the latter product, Mr. Taylor is a pioneer, and the originator of the process. The packing company which bears his name is the oldest and largest in the world in this branch of canning. The company was first incorporated in 1936, became a partnership in 1940, and was again incorporated in the year of Mr. Taylor's death, 1946. Its present officers are Bernice T. Bull, president; Mildred T. Colonna, first vice president; Madeline T. Nock, second vice president; and Rosa T. Conquest, secretary and treasurer. Its products are packed under the "Taylor" brand, to the volume of about one and three-quarters million cases annually. Sweet potatoes, for the processing of which the company is particularly noted, are packed in three styles: dry pack, syrup pack, and vacuum pack.

As has been indicated, Mr. Taylor did not confine his business interests to the packing company, but operated several other establishments of both a retailing and manufacturing nature. Long held in high regard among his colleagues in the canning field, Mr. Taylor was a member of the Old Guard of the National Cannery Association, and was vice president of the Eastern Shore Cannery Association for a number of years. In political affiliation, he was a democrat, and he worshiped at the Temperanceville Methodist Church, of which he was a member.

In 1892, John William Taylor married Mary Alice Pettit, of "Wharton," near Mappsville, daughter of Captain William C. and Mary Jane (Cooke) Pettit. Of this marriage, there were nine children, all girls, of whom five are deceased. Sketches of the four daughters who are the officers of the John W. Taylor Packing Company, Inc., follow this record.

Mr. Taylor resided at Hallwood, Virginia, from 1902 to 1916, then moved to his estate "Red Bank" and remained there until his death, which occurred on July 2, 1946. His passing deprived the Eastern Shore of one of its most active industrial leaders, whose contribution to its prosperity and his philanthropy to the underprivileged will long be remembered and appreciated.

**MRS. MARY ALICE PETTIT TAYLOR** was born at "Wharton," near Mappsville, Virginia, on December 6, 1873, the daughter of Captain William and Mary (Cooke) Pettit. She attended the public schools of Accomack County and married John William Taylor of Bullbeggar, Virginia. They resided at "Wharton" until 1902, at which time they moved to Hallwood, Virginia, residing there until 1916 when they moved to "Red Bank," near Mappsville, where they remained until her death on January 11, 1937. Mrs. Taylor was

a great lover of people and delighted in making her home a pleasure for her family and friends. She was a member of Temperanceville Methodist Church from her girlhood days until her death.

**MRS. ROSA TAYLOR CONQUEST**, of Hallwood, holds executive offices which place her among the leaders in commerce of that city. Primarily identified with the John W. Taylor Packing Company, Inc., she is secretary and treasurer of that firm, assistant manager of its plant, and a member of its board of directors. She has also been active in cultural, church, and youth leadership capacities.

Born Rosa Taylor, September 15, 1897, she is a native of the vicinity of Mappsville, in Accomack County. Her birthplace was the family estate, "Wharton," and her parents were John William (q.v.) and Mary Alice (Pettit) Taylor. Mrs. Conquest received her education at Temperanceville High School, Blackstone College for Girls, and Bryant and Stratton Business College. At Red Bank, near Mappsville, on January 10, 1925, Rosa Taylor was married to Revel LeCato Conquest, son of William Henry and Ida (Taylor) Conquest. They are the parents of a son, John William, born September 26, 1925.

Associated for some years with the management of the John W. Taylor Packing Company, Inc., at Hallwood, Rosa Taylor Conquest has become secretary and treasurer of the corporation, as well as a director, and is the firm's assistant manager.

Mrs. Conquest is affiliated with the Temperanceville Chapter No. 88, Order of the Eastern Star, and served as Adah for two years, as marshal for one year, and as chaplain for one year. She has also been organist for five years, associate matron for one year, and Worthy Matron for one year. She is a member of the Women's Society of Christian Service, and served for nine years as president of that organization; and she has also been adult counsellor of The Youth Fellowship of the Assawoman Church for the past fifteen years. Mrs. Conquest is a member of the Woman's Club of Accomack County, the Taylor's Yacht Club, and is director of the Eastern Shore Concert Association. She attends the Hallwood Methodist Church. In her political views, Mrs. Conquest is a democrat.

**MILDRED TAYLOR COLONNA**—Among Eastern Shore business women, Mildred Taylor Colonna is notable as an executive of the John W. Taylor Packing Company, Inc. She is well qualified, both by education and natural aptitude, for business leadership, and is a constructive force in community affairs as well.

She was born Mildred Taylor, daughter of John William (q.v.) and Mary Alice (Pettit) Taylor, on November 24, 1900, and, after completing her education in the local schools, attended Western Maryland College, where, in 1922, she received the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

At the Hallwood Methodist Church, on October 12, 1927, Mildred Taylor was married to William Nock Colonna, son of George W. and Augusta Midora Colonna. They have become the parents of two children: 1. William Nock, Jr., born May 31, 1930. 2. Mary Augusta, born July 4, 1934. William Nock Colonna died on March 3, 1947.

Mrs. Colonna has always been interested in the operations of the John W. Taylor Packing Company, Inc., as have all the daughters of its founder; and she holds the office of vice president of the corporation,



which began operations on a humble scale in 1900. Further details concerning the John W. Taylor Packing Company are included in the sketch of Mr. Taylor.

In addition to her office as first vice president of the John W. Taylor Packing Company, Inc., a primary interest of Mrs. Colonna is that of homemaker. She also finds time, however, to participate in the affairs of the Accomack Women's Club. She attends the Methodist Church, and is a Democrat in her politics.

**MRS. BERNICE TAYLOR BULL** plays a dual role in the affairs of Hallwood, both her executive position and her public office identifying her as a community leader. She is president of the John W. Taylor Packing Company, Inc., producers of the Taylor's brand of canned foods; and has also served Hallwood as its postmaster.

Born Bernice May Taylor, at "Wharton," near Mappsville, March 4, 1894, Mrs. Bull is a daughter of John William (q.v.) and Mary Alice (Pettit) Taylor. She received her education in the public elementary schools of her locality and Onancock High School, Onancock, Virginia, and thereafter attended Beacom Business College in Salisbury, Maryland.

The business enterprise with which she is identified as its chief executive was founded by John W. Taylor in 1900. An account of its establishment and growth may be found under his name. At the time of his death in 1946, Mrs. Bull became president of the John W. Taylor Packing Company, and her sisters, also subjects of biographical sketches herein, assumed its other official positions. Under their management the firm has continued prosperous, and has continued to specialize in the canning of white potatoes, sweet potatoes, and tomatoes, for distribution under the Taylor label.

On September 1, 1939, Mrs. Bull became acting postmaster of Hallwood, and, on May 16, 1940, she was advanced to the postmastership, continuing to hold that public office until September 30, 1947, or for about a year after becoming president of the John W. Taylor Packing Company. Her place of leadership in the community has also been indicated by her activities in Wishart Point Yacht Club and the Women's Club of Accomack County, of which she is a member. She is a communicant of the Hallwood Methodist Church, and is a Democrat in her political affiliation.

At the Taylor home in Hallwood, on June 16, 1915, Bernice Taylor was married to the late Alfred Prentiss Bull, who was born August 23, 1896, son of Alfred Smith and Kathryn Susan (Lawrence) Bull, and who died August 30, 1939. Mr. and Mrs. Bull became the parents of three children: 1. Harold Prentiss, who was born December 14, 1918, and died August 14, 1920. 2. Bernice Zephyr, born August 6, 1920. 3. Mary Kathryn, born June 27, 1932.

**MADeline VIRGINIA TAYLOR NOCK** (Mrs. Broadus William Nock), of Hallwood, has distinguished herself in her community not only as an executive of the John W. Taylor Packing Company, Inc., which was founded by her father, but also through her notable work in the service of her community and her church. Her other activities have not been to the detriment of her responsibilities as a housewife, and she has proven her competence in each field of endeavor she has undertaken.

She was born at Hallwood on November 19, 1904, four years after her father, John William Taylor (q.v.) had founded the firm with which she is now identified. She completed her secondary education at the Tem-

peranceville High School, and has held through the succeeding years an interest in the John W. Taylor Packing Company, Inc. For forty-six years her father headed this concern, and, after his death on July 2, 1946, his four daughters succeeded him in the management of the firm. Mrs. Nock holds the office of vice president.

Madeline Virginia Taylor married, at the Taylor home, "Red Bank," Hallwood, on November 28, 1925, Broadus William Nock, who is the son of Willie W. and Annie (German) Nock.

Among the activities which have distinguished Madeline Taylor Nock in the affairs of her community have been her membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, in the Accomack Women's Club, and in the Wishart Point Yacht Club. She is active in the work of the Methodist Church.

**EVELYN BRIDDELL ANDREWS**—A striking representative of American women as a business executive is Evelyn Briddell Andrews, of Crisfield, identified since young womanhood with the important firm of that city, Charles D. Briddell, Inc. She arrived at her present post as secretary in charge of the purchasing and personnel departments by sound preparation in business administration, self-reliance, enterprise and hard work.

Evelyn Elizabeth (Briddell) Andrews was born on March 15, 1907, daughter of Charles D. Briddell, Sr., and Grace (Maddox) Briddell. Her father, born at Marumsco, Somerset County, Maryland, in August, 1883, and who died in Crisfield on August 11, 1938, was the founder and longtime head of the Charles D. Briddell, Inc., manufacturers of cutlery in peacetime, and of military weapons in war. He married, in Quindocqua, Maryland, on December 27, 1905, Grace Maddox.

After attending the elementary schools of her birthplace, and being graduated from the Crisfield High School, class of 1926, Evelyn E. Briddell entered Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, where she spent two years preparing for a business career. She furthered her experience by employment with a large Baltimore department store in connection with its purchasing department. Upon returning to Crisfield she became secretary to her father. With the passing years more and more duties have been placed upon her shoulders and as already indicated, she is secretary of the corporation and head of the purchasing and personnel departments of the company.

On October 23, 1930, Evelyn Elizabeth Briddell married John M. Andrews, of Baltimore, then a draftsman in a large Baltimore company. He had been a student at the Maryland Institute of Art, and at Johns Hopkins University. After coming with Charles D. Briddell, Inc., he rose rapidly in various departments and since 1945 has been director of the engineering department of the corporation and is now chairman of the Junior Board of Directors. He is past master of Chesapeake Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Crisfield, Maryland, member of the Crisfield Rotary Club, Crisfield Country Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, and deacon and choir director of the First Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are the parents of two children: 1. John Charles, born in Crisfield, October 24, 1931. 2. Warner Briddell, born April 9, 1934.

Active in civic affairs, Mrs. Andrews is vice president of the Womens Civic Improvement Club of Crisfield, is a member of the Somerset County Board of Education, and is a Democrat in politics. Fraternally







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she is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star. She is a member of the First Baptist Church, and is president of the Women's Missionary Society. She is interested in social dramatic work, and is past president of the Women's Junior Auxiliary Board of McCready Hospital.

**GUY McCLELLAN REESER, M.D.**, has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Tilghman since 1924. He has built up a successful practice not only through professional skill and ethics, but through a rare quality of friendliness which, no less than those other traits, has earned him the confidence of local citizens.

Dr. Reeser's father was also a practitioner of medicine, a country doctor whose practice was in eastern Tennessee. His name was George McClellan Reeser, and he married Alice DePew, also a Tennessean. Their son, named Guy McClellan, was born at Church Hill, Tennessee, May 19, 1892. He commenced his education in the local public schools, and his secondary education was completed at Carson and Newman College. He then enrolled at Emory University, where on completing his courses he was granted the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1915. Thereafter he began a general practice in his native Tennessee, in the town of Rogersville, continuing until 1917 when he enlisted in the United States Army Medical Corps for service in World War I. He served in England, France and Russia, as well as in the American Army of Occupation until December, 1920, holding the rank of first lieutenant.

On Dr. Reeser's discharge from the Army, he returned to Rogersville, where he practiced until 1924, when he moved to Tilghman. Dr. Reeser has remained there since, gained the confidence and good will of the town residents and farmers alike, and has become so much a part of this Eastern Shore locale that he has bought a farm, on which he raises the grain and truck crops for which this region is noted. He serves on the staff of the Easton Memorial Hospital; and his professional affiliations include memberships in the American Medical Association, the Talbot County Medical Society, and the Medical and Chirurgical Society of Maryland.

Dr. Reeser also numbers among his activities business associations, and is a director of the Tilghman National Bank. Since the days of his service to his country in the Medical Corps, he has been interested in the affairs of the American Legion, and is a member of its Easton post.

Dr. Reeser is also a Mason, a member of Clay Lodge Number 386 at Church Hill, Tennessee. He is a director of the Chesapeake Bay Fair Fishing Association, and a member of the Lions Club. Whenever he finds time he enjoys fishing and gunning. He is a loyal Democrat, and served one term on the County Welfare Board.

On July 6, 1922, Dr. Guy McClellan Reeser married Bobbie Nell Price of eastern Tennessee. They have become the parents of five children: 1. Guy M., Jr., born in 1923. He attended local schools and Westminster College, and is now enrolled at the University of Maryland Medical School. He is married to Marie Stewart of Easton. 2. George Chris, born in December, 1924, a graduate of local schools and of Kings Point Marine Academy, Great Neck, Long Island, New York. He is now a second mate in the Merchant Marine Service. 3. Henry Heath, born in November, 1926, attended local schools, and is now

serving in the United States Navy. 4. Theodore S., born in December, 1928. He attends a vocational Diesel engine school in Baltimore. 5. Wayne K., born in 1931 and attending St. Michael's High School.

**RAYMOND KOLYER WARD** has been in the seafood business for thirty-one years, and, since 1927, has been a partner of Z. Ward & Son of Crisfield, producers of oysters, crabmeat, and a general line of seafoods. He is one of the firm's two partners, the other being his brother, Charles Wesley Ward. Mr. Ward is active in business and trade associations.

He was born in Crisfield on September 16, 1897, the son of Zack and Minnie Ward, both natives of Crisfield, the former born February 22, 1863, the latter May 22, 1870. Zack Ward was the founder of the seafood distributing business that bears his name. He was a lifelong Republican.

Raymond Kolyer Ward was educated in the Crisfield public schools, graduating from Crisfield High School in the class of 1917. That same year he entered the family seafood business, and has been engaged in it ever since. In 1927 he became a partner in the firm. Mr. Ward is a member of the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, the Crisfield Seafood Association, and Crisfield Laboratories Association. He takes a keen interest in sports and is treasurer of the Somerset Rod and Gun Club. Like his father, he is a Republican, and he belongs to the Asbury Methodist Church.

Raymond Kolyer Ward married at Crisfield, in April, 1936, Mildred Grace Lawson, a native of Crisfield and the daughter of Oscar and Nora B. (Sterling) Lawson, both natives of Crisfield. Mr. and Mrs. Ward are the parents of four children: Raymond K., Ronnie, Lawson Barry, and William Zack, all born in Crisfield.

**ZACHARAH WARD** has, throughout his long life, been engaged in the seafoods industry, which he has seen grow from an unpretentious activity to one of the most significant of those upon which the economic life of the Eastern Shore depends. He founded his own business, the Z. Ward Company, which grew as the industry grew, and upon the prosperity of which Mr. Ward's success was founded. Mr. Ward has lived his life long on the Eastern Shore, and few have been responsible in greater measure than he for its prosperity.

A native of Crisfield, Zacharah Ward was born February 22, 1863, son of Stephen W. and Rebecca Ward. His father, who was a sea captain, died at the age of sixty-two. As was true of many successful business leaders of his generation, Mr. Ward was self-educated; no school can claim credit for instilling the practical business knowledge which was the foundation of his advancement. When, in 1888, at the age of twenty-five he entered the field in which he was to remain, he became one of the first operators in the soft crab business. The seafoods industry was a new one, its possibilities largely unexplored, and the public demand for its products undeveloped. Soft crabs at that time sold for twenty-five cents per dozen. Foresight and shrewd business sense were required of one who would enter the business at that time.

In the early years, most of Mr. Ward's shipments were made to New York, with Baltimore as the next



best market. In the winter of 1888, Mr. Ward entered the oyster business. He took care of all the details of production for market, from planting of the oysters to shucking them. He initially employed four shuckers. Most of the oysters were sold to local markets, but as the business grew, Mr. Ward began shipping to Chicago and St. Louis. He also turned his attention to clams, and began marketing them through the same outlets. The enterprise begun by Mr. Ward continued to grow, and its activities put on a corporate basis, under the firm name of Z. Ward Company. By 1915, the concern was employing forty-five shuckers, and shipments were being made all over the country, from Maine to Florida, from New York to California. Canada, too, afforded a market; but the best market, at least for oysters, was Chicago and points west. The business grew not only in volume, but in scope, and in the variety of seafoods marketed. In its more recent years the company has shipped oysters, clams, shrimp, scallops, hard and soft crabs, and crabmeat, as well as fish. Hard crabs have been an important commodity for some thirty years; and the business has advanced considerably since the days when the first crabs were cooked in tin lard boilers atop old-fashioned cook-stoves. Crabmeat sold for eighty cents per gallon in those days, and there was little demand. In fact, practically the entire output sold was shipped on commission to Baltimore and New York. Thus a large and prospering business has grown from humble beginnings under the able direction of Zacharah Ward. The prosperity of the Z. Ward company is a consequence of faith in one's product, determination in developing a market, and continued skillful business management.

Mr. Ward is a loyal Republican, and has always been devoted to the interests of his party, though he has never sought public office. His religious affiliation is with the Asbury Methodist Church. He has been a lifelong resident of Crisfield, and has brought greater prosperity to his native town through his commercial enterprises.

In Crisfield, December 13, 1891, Zacharah Ward married Miss Minnie Ward, daughter of William T. and Elisa J. Ward. They became the parents of four sons: 1. Carl, born June 21, 1893. 2. Charles Wesley, born July 19, 1896. 3. Raymond K., born September 16, 1897. 4. Olin, born November 28, 1900.

**R. FULTON WALLER** was born in Green Hill, Wicomico County, on December 12, 1886, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Fannie Esther (Wingate) Waller, the former a native of Delaware and a farmer of Wicomico County, the latter a native of Green Hill.

Mr. Waller was educated in the district schools of Wicomico County and in the Eastern Shore Business College of Salisbury, where he graduated in the class of 1906. After finishing his education, he spent five years with the Prudential Life Insurance Company. Mr. Waller is considered a man of keen business ability and is held in high esteem on the entire Eastern Shore. In recent years he has given much time to public affairs. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1944, and served as State Senator from Wicomico County, Maryland from 1939 to 1944.

Mr. Waller served in the Coast Artillery during World War I, being sent to Fort Washington and then to Fort Monroe, where he was stationed at

the time the Armistice was signed. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and fraternally is affiliated with Blue Lodge, Number 91, of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and all the branches of the Masonic order, in which he holds the Thirty-second degree. He is also affiliated with Salisbury Lodge, Number 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

R. Fulton Waller married in Washington, D.C. on April 30, 1918, Miriam R. Evans, daughter of A. Frank and Mary Louise (White) Evans. Mr. and Mrs. Waller are the parents of one daughter, Betty Lou Waller, born March 11, 1921. She married Roger K. Steffens of St. Joseph, Missouri, and they have two children: Roger K. Steffens, Jr., born August 15, 1943, and Pamela Waller Steffens, born June 12, 1947.

**LEE SIDNEY DISHAROON**—A member of one of the oldest families in Wicomico County, Lee Sidney Disharoon, who is engaged in the general contracting business at Salisbury, can trace his ancestry to Edward Disharoon, who came to the Eastern Shore from France in 1668, and established himself as an extensive landowner and breeder of race horses. Mr. Disharoon was born January 30, 1914, in Salisbury, the son of Harry L. and Cora Elizabeth Disharoon. His father, a contractor and builder, was born at Fruitland in November, 1886. Cora Elizabeth Disharoon was born at Seaford, Delaware, February 6, 1893.

Lee Sidney Disharoon attended the local elementary schools and Wicomico High School, after which he took courses with the International Correspondence School. He is a senior member of the American Society of Industrial Engineers. He became associated with his father, and uncle, F. A. and H. L. Disharoon, in the contracting business at Salisbury as a youth, and worked with them for four years. Then he went into the produce business for himself at Salisbury, and was engaged in this business from 1932 to 1934. From 1934 to 1939 he was associated with the Red Star Bus Company, and from 1939 to 1942 with the Precision Development Company of Salisbury in the capacity of machine shop foreman. During World War II, Mr. Disharoon was engaged in essential war work, and was a member of the United States Naval Reserve, Class V-3, Fifth Naval District. From 1942 to 1946 he was supervisor in charge of tool design with Bendix Aviation at Philadelphia, engaged in the manufacture of aircraft instruments. In 1946 he went to Pittsburgh, where he was associated with the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Headquarters Manufacturing Engineering, as Plant Layout and Materials Handling Engineer. The following year Mr. Disharoon returned to Salisbury and started in business for himself as a general contractor. He employs a force of eight and is rapidly making a place for himself in this field. Mr. Disharoon is a Democrat and a member of the Bethesda Methodist Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose.

On December 27, 1931, at Salisbury, he married Sarah Anderson, who was born in Princess Anne, February 3, 1914, the daughter of Nathan J. and Eleanor (Powell) Anderson, both deceased. Nathan J. Anderson, who was a native of Princess Anne, born in 1871, died in February, 1932. He was a member of one of Somerset County's outstanding families, and resided on "Dingley Farm" along the Manokin River; a property acquired from the early Cris-



*Lee S. Disharoon*





field family by his maternal grandfather. Eleanor (Powell) Anderson, a native of Rehobeth, born 1876, died in July, 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Disharoon are the parents of four children: 1. Lee Sidney Disharoon, Jr., born June 3, 1934. 2. Eleanor Nancy, born January 12, 1940. 3. Elizabeth Anne, born April 30, 1943. 4. Ellen Christine, born December 18, 1948. All four children were born in Salisbury.

**THE BARROLL FAMILY—MORRIS KEENE BARROLL**, well-known attorney, agriculturalist, banker, and sportsman of Chestertown, is a member of a modern generation of the Barrolls of Maryland.

According to family records, the American progenitor of this distinguished family was William Barroll, III, and his wife, Abigail (Jones) Barroll, who were born in England. Their oldest son, the Rev. William Barroll, IV, was born in "Byford Court," Hereford, England, in 1734; educated in Hereford schools, St. John's College in Cambridge, England, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1757. In 1759 he was ordained to the priesthood of the Church of England, and in 1760 came to America to become rector of St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil County, Maryland, made vacant by the resignation of his uncle, the Rev. Hugh Jones who taught mathematics at William and Mary College. In 1761, the Rev. William Barroll, IV, married Ann Williamson, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Ann, born September 16, 1761. 2. Sarah, born September 25, 1769. 3. Abigail. 4. Richard. 5. James. Rev. William Barroll, IV, died between March 30 and May 5, 1778, and his widow moved to Chestertown to educate the children. The line of descent comes down through William Barroll, V, who graduated from Washington College in 1783, and was admitted to the Kent County, Maryland, bar on March 19, 1787; was a member of the House of Delegates in 1795-96-98 and 1799. He married Lucretia Edmondson, of Talbot County, Maryland, and they had two children: 1. Julianna, who died in infancy. 2. James Edmondson, who was the great-grandfather of Morris Keene Barroll, of this review. James Edmondson Barroll was admitted to the Maryland bar on September 16, 1811, after having studied at Washington College and Yale College. During the War of 1812 he was secretary and adjutant, Troop of Horse, of which Frederick Wilson was captain. He married (first) Mary Ringgold; married (second), June 15, 1824, Henrietta Jacqueline Hackett, who was born December 25, 1804, and died March 17, 1877. Their children were: 1. Henrietta Maria. 2. Laura Caroline. 3. John Leeds. 4. Mary Rebecca. 5. Sarah Jane. 6. Sophie Rose. 7. Sarah Ellen. 8. James Edmondson.

Grandfather Hon. John Leeds Barroll was born at Holly Hall, near Elkton, Cecil County, Maryland, February 1, 1830; educated at Washington College, of Chestertown, St. Mary's College at Baltimore, and was admitted to the Maryland bar on April 13, 1852. He was editor and publisher of the "Kent Conservator" and during the War Between the States was imprisoned in Richmond, Virginia, for articles he had published against President Abraham Lincoln. He married, December 5, 1854, Elleanora Keene Horsey, born in Accomack County, Virginia, and they had five children: 1. John Leeds, Jr. 2. Edmondson Horsey. 3. Hopewell ("Hope") Horsey. 4. Elleanora Lennox. 5. Morris Keene.

"Hope" Horsey Barroll, son of John Leeds and Elleanora Keene (Horsey) Barroll, was born August 6, 1860, and died September 22, 1925. He received his

education in St. John's College, Annapolis, and at Washington College; studied law at the University of Virginia, and was admitted to the bar in 1883, being the fifth generation of the Barroll family to practice law on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He was president of the First National Bank of Chestertown, and later president of the Citizens Bank of this city. On February 9, 1888, he married Margaret Spencer Ringgold Wethered, and they had the following children: 1. Lewin Wethered (q.v.), born November 22, 1888, an attorney of Baltimore. 2. Morris Keene, of whom further. 3. Hopewell Horsey, born June 16, 1895, died September 29, 1948. 4. John Wethered, born April 28, 1897.

Morris Keene Barroll was born in Chestertown, July 7, 1893. He was prepared for higher education in local schools, was graduated from Washington College and matriculated at Yale University, class of 1915. He studied law at the University of Virginia, and also went abroad where he was a student at the Sorbonne and Beaux Arts in Paris, and the Ecole de France.

Admitted to the bar of Maryland in 1922, he is the sixth generation of the family to practice his profession on the Eastern Shore, where he has met with exceptional success. He is interested in farming, and is a banker, in all fields of activity making his name well-known. Worshipping in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal Church, he has been a vestryman and also has been registrar at Shrewsbury Parish, Kent County, and is to the fore in all religious and humanitarian organizations and works. His favorite recreations are riding and fox hunting.

In 1927, Morris Keene Barroll married Margaret Waldo Newcomer, and they are the parents of three sons: 1. Waldo Newcomer, a senior at Harvard University. 2. David Oakley Vanderpoel, a student at St. Andrew's School, Middletown, Delaware. 3. Richard Spencer Wethered.

**LEWIN WETHERED BARROLL**, who since 1911 has been a practicing attorney in Baltimore, was born in Chestertown, the son of "Hope" Horsey and Margaret Spencer (Wethered) Barroll. His father was a lawyer in Chestertown. Lewin Wethered Barroll was born on November 22, 1888.

After attending the local schools, he graduated from Washington College in Chestertown. He later received degrees from Yale University, the University of Maryland, and Johns Hopkins University, holding the degrees of Bachelor of Literature, and Bachelor of Laws. A student by temperament, Mr. Barroll has brought to his chosen profession a rich background gained through his wide studies in various fields. His roots are in the Eastern Shore of Maryland where he owns and conducts three farms near Turners Creek.

During World War I, Mr. Barroll served in the United States Army, holding the rank of captain in Artillery. Prior to this war he raised three companies in the Maryland National Guard. He is a member of the Bachelors' Cotillon, the Maryland Club of Baltimore, the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and belongs to the Alpha Delta Phi college fraternity. He is affiliated with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On June 9, 1917, in Baltimore, he married Valerie von Dorsner Marbury, the daughter of William Luke and Silvine von Dorsner (Slingluff) Marbury. Mr. and Mrs. Barroll have five children: Lewin Wethered, born March 20, 1918; Margaret Spencer, born Sep-

tember 16, 1919, and married Richard G. North; William Luke Marbury, born September 20, 1920; John Marshall, born October 16, 1921; Valerie von D. Marbury, Jr., born October 23, 1927.

**STATE SENATOR GEORGE W. BECK, SR.**, of Denton, Caroline County, has combined notable services to the public with business activities in varied fields. He is a native of Denton, born March 15, 1898, son of the late Josiah A. and Bertha H. (Roe) Beck. His father, who died in 1939, was also a native of Caroline County and a substantial citizen, a former game warden and sheriff, who farmed and dealt in automobiles.

George W. Beck, Sr., was educated in the grade and high schools of Caroline County and Goldey Business College at Wilmington, Delaware. He became acquainted with agriculture as a lad, and it is worthy of note that among his present enterprises is the operation of three farms. His first outside employment of importance was as clerk in the Denton Post Office, a position he held for five years before he became associated with the Farmers and Merchants State Bank as cashier. He was connected with this institution from 1923 to 1933, and again from 1936 to 1938. In 1931 Senator Beck purchased the Chevrolet Automobile Agency in partnership with his father and renamed the business the Beck Chevrolet Sales Company. Since the passing of the elder man in 1939, the concern has been operated by its sole owner, Senator Beck. It is an up-to-date selling and service firm, employing a number of people and covers a territory in northern Caroline County. As mentioned, the Senator is very much interested in agriculture, running three farms with a total acreage of five hundred acres. He follows the customary Eastern Shore type of farming, growing wheat and other grains, corn and tomatoes.

A second and outstanding phase of Senator Beck's life is identified with public service. For twelve years he has been a member of the governing body of Denton, four of these being mayor of the community. During these years many progressive measures have been introduced and sponsored. In 1946 he was honored with election to the Maryland State Senate. For three and a half years he was chief clerk of the Caroline County Rationing Board, for six months acting as its chairman. He likewise was chairman of the District for the Fourth United States War Loan, again showing his gift for leadership in public matters and a sincere endeavor to continue a record of constructive citizenship. A Democrat in politics, he has been a member of the Democratic State Central Committee. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of Temple Lodge, No. 128, of which he is a Past Master and a member of Dorchester-Caroline Past Masters Association; member of Edenton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Chesapeake Commandery, Knights Templar; and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Easton, Maryland. In Denton he is a former president of the Rotary Club, and long has been active as a member and director of the Denton Chamber of Commerce. Senator Beck is a member of the Maryland Automobile Dealers Association and is well and favorably known over a wide area of the lower Eastern Shore. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On November 28, 1923, George W. Beck married Evelyn E. Harrington, of Harrington, Delaware,

daughter of John S. Harrington. Senator and Mrs. Beck are the parents of one son: George W., Jr., born September 6, 1925. A graduate of grade and high schools at Denton, he attended the University of Delaware and Washington College, class of 1948. During World War II he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, serving from 1944 to December, 1945, with the rank of staff sergeant. He is a graduate of Beacom Business College, class of 1948. Currently, George W. Beck, Jr., is associated in business with his father. He married, June 19, 1948, Jean S. Schneider, of Baltimore.

**AVERY W. HALL**, who for the past twenty years has conducted a general insurance and bonding business in Salisbury under the name of the Avery W. Hall Insurance Agency, is also prominently associated with a number of other local business enterprises, and is very active in civic affairs, being one of those men who can always be counted upon to lend his support to every worthwhile cause.

He was born in Whaleyville on May 1, 1899, the son of Will and Della P. (Wilkins) Hall, the former a native of Whaleyville and the latter of Willards. The father, who a farmer of Worcester County, was a member of the Methodist Church and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics; he died in 1939. He and his wife were the parents of two children: Avery W., and Farley, who now lives in Selbyville, Delaware.

Avery W. Hall attended the local schools of Whaleyville and later studied at the Beacom Business College of Salisbury. He then entered the employ of the Smith & Williams Shipyard, in the capacity of stenographer. During the eleven years he spent with this concern he was promoted rapidly, holding the successive posts of bookkeeper, office manager, purchasing agent, and estimator. On June 16, 1928, he resigned in order to go into business for himself, and two days later he opened the Avery W. Hall Insurance Agency, which was successful from the start. A man of dynamic energy, Mr. Hall has not only built up his insurance and bonding business to a very profitable point but has found time also to devote to other business enterprises. He is president of the Red Star Motor Coaches, Inc.; secretary and director of the Victor Lynn Lines, Inc.; vice president and a director of the Eastern Shore Building & Loan Corporation; and a director of the Citizens Loan Company. He is also active in insurance circles throughout the state, and in 1937-1938 held the post of president of the Maryland Association of Insurance Agents.

In 1935 Mr. Hall was appointed a member of the board of visitors and governors of Washington College for a six-year term, and he was reappointed by Governor O'Connor in June, 1941, for a second term. He is a member of the Wicomico County Welfare Board and also of the board of the Wicomico Children's Home. A leading member of the Asbury Methodist Church, he is a member of its official board. Mr. Hall is active in the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, of which he is now vice president and a director, and he also belongs to the Lions Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in which he holds the Fourteenth degree. His political ties are with the Republican party. As a hobby Mr. Hall finds great pleasure and relaxation in fishing.





*Henry Wallace*





Avery W. Hall married, on October 31, 1922, Mildred Disharoon, the daughter of S. Frank and Sally Mary (Parsons) Disharoon. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have one son, Donald Avery.

### THE RED STAR MOTOR COACH COMPANY

—There was a time—recalled by oldsters in the employ of the Red Star Motor Coach Company, the hub of which is at Salisbury on the Eastern Shore—when they had trouble filling one small bus which was nothing more than a slightly elongated automobile.

Now, "The Salisbury Advertiser" and "The Wicomico Countian" records, these same oldsters see the latest in modern airconditioned buses flashing over Eastern Shore roads with the sunlight glistening on these red-and-cream luxury coaches.

Daily the buses move thousands of people over the growing web of roads to Washington, Baltimore, Wilmington and Philadelphia, with many of the passengers continuing to destinations far distant. Red Star history is the history of a number of independent bus routes and companies that, as time went on, found a better service could be given by joining interests. Out of the collection grow the present organization which has become one of the leading motor coach companies on the East Coast.

"The company is visionary in that it never considers itself as having arrived," says the newspaper. "If it is not trying to extend its routes it is improving service or checking up on its safety record. Efforts by Red Star have not gone unnoticed and the company is becoming quite accustomed to notice in national trade publications for its type of operations."

Salisbury, as hub of all this activity, benefits from having bus service not often given towns many times its size. Thus, there are five round trips daily between Salisbury and Baltimore and an equal number into Philadelphia. Washington, D. C., was added to the list of Red Star stations when the route was extended in 1947 to the capital. The resort towns of Rehoboth and Ocean City are likewise favored with year-round service.

Nineteen new buses were added to the Red Star line in 1947-1948. Many of the new buses are equipped with thirty-seven seats offering reclining comfort at the touch of a fingertip control, and air conditioning for both winter and summer. Altogether there are fifty-six buses.

To maintain service guaranteed to remain popular, the company holds safety classes and gives other instruction to its staff, especially the drivers, and cash bonuses are awarded to those who maintain the highest efficiency and safety records.

"When passengers write they feel at ease when riding in one of our busses," says one of the executives, "then we know we are on the right safety track."

The combine which is now the Red Star Motor Coaches, Inc., was formed in 1938. The following are now the officers of the company: Avery W. Hall, president; Edgar T. Bennett, vice president and general manager; Francis C. Baker, director; Fred R. Waddell, director; R. Furman Richardson, treasurer; N. R. Wooten, secretary, and Albert Truitt, known throughout the organization as "Son," general superintendent. Truitt has been with the company since 1925 and is the oldest in point of service.

The company operates its own terminals in Balti-

more, Wilmington, Easton, Ocean City, Cambridge and Salisbury.

"When an Eastern Shoreman thinks of travel, he thinks of Red Star," the newspaper proclaimed.

**CONLYN ELIASON NOLAND**—Within the scope of the life of Conlyn Eliason Noland, Supervisor of Assessments, Kent County, have come many activities. A college graduate, his first employment of note was as deputy treasurer of Kent County. He later was connected with the superintendency of Tolchester Beach, was an operator of automotive agencies, was a soldier in World War I, was associated with the running of a department store, and ultimately returned to services in public posts of importance.

The spelling of the Noland name was changed from the original Nowland by choice of later descendants from a family that settled on the Eastern Shore prior to the American Revolution. Conlyn Eliason Noland was born near Tolchester, Kent County, on July 16, 1889, son of George Edward and Louise (Bramble) Noland, natives of Kent County and both now deceased. George Edward Noland achieved the unusual record of being superintendent of Tolchester Beach for thirty-seven years, and by reason of this and later activities became exceptionally well and favorably known. Of his business associations with his son, Conlyn Eliason, later. In public affairs he was a staunch Democrat; served in the Maryland House of Delegates; as long ago as 1898, was a member of the District School Board; served on the Board of Election Supervisors; and was a member and steward of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Salem. He died on March 28, 1925.

Conlyn Eliason Noland attended local schools and entered Washington College, where he was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, class of 1909. Interested in several campus activities, he especially enjoyed sports, but was too light for the heavy contact games. During summers and vacation periods he worked for his father at Tolchester Beach. As mentioned, after leaving college he was appointed deputy treasurer of Kent County, serving until June, 1915, when he returned to assist his father at Tolchester Beach. He came back to Chestertown and with the elder man and Ernest H. Strong organized the Noland Motor Company, distributors for Ford automotive products, and so continued until 1918, when he entered the United States Army. He trained at Camp Meade, was assigned to the 33rd Artillery with the rank of corporal, and was discharged in December, 1918.

After being mustered out of the service, Mr. Noland returned to Chestertown, where he became associated with two others, as distributors for the Chevrolet cars and trucks. This enterprise was closed out in 1921, at which time he joined his father in the establishment of the Noland Department Store of Chestertown, which was operated until 1936, when all Noland interests in the firm were disposed of. The following two years were marked by no special one business activity of Mr. Noland. On December 1, 1938, he was appointed clerk to the Kent County Board of Commissioners. A year later he accepted the post of supervisor of assessments for Kent County, his present office in Chestertown.

Mr. Noland is a graduate of the Maryland School for Assessment Officers at the University of Maryland. He serves as secretary for the Maryland Association of Assessing Officers; is a member of the American Legion; a charter member and past president of the Chestertown Rotary Club; a past president of the Merchants Division of Kent County Chamber

of Commerce. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a Democrat in politics. A prominent churchman, Mr. Noland is a district lay leader of the Eastern District of the Methodist Church; is assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, a member of the board of trustees, and a steward of the church.

On April 16, 1924, Conlyn Eliason Noland married Nellie Louise Nicholson, a native of Chestertown, who attended Washington College. Mr. and Mrs. Noland are the parents of one son: Conlyn Eliason, Jr.

**W. HENRY GSELL**—A prominent business man in Chestertown, W. Henry Gsell has likewise served creditably in positions of public trust.

He was born near Marydel, July 22, 1912, the son of Joseph and Mary (Faulkner) Gsell, his father a farmer, a native of Illinois. His mother was a native of Caroline County. He attended school at Marydel, and worked on his father's farm. His humble beginnings in the commercial world consisted of work in a service station and a lunch room, until 1938, at which time he became chief deputy for Sheriff Robert E. Lee, of Kent County. In 1942, he was elected sheriff of the county, serving until 1946. His record was laudable, and, in 1946, he became candidate for Kent County clerk, to which he was also elected.

His business connection is now with the Pure Oil Products, and he is distributor for this concern in both Queen Anne's and Kent counties.

Mr. Gsell maintains a wide interest in club activities in Chestertown. He is president of the Kent Gun Club, and a director of the Rock Hill Yacht and Country Club. He is also a member of the Lions Club and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, as well as the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a loyal Democrat.

On May 4, 1934, W. Henry Gsell married Catherine Elizabeth Kramer, a native of Baltimore whose family were pioneers on the Eastern Shore. They are the parents of two children: 1. Joyce Ann, born December 10, 1935. 2. Catherine Elizabeth, born June 4, 1937.

**HERBERT E. JUMP**, president of the Avon Corporation, a subsidiary of the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation, of which he was formerly a vice president and member of the board of directors, has been very active in community affairs in Easton, and is well thought of throughout his native Talbot County. He is a past president of the Easton Rotary Club, has served as both treasurer and county chairman of the fund raising organization for the American Red Cross, has been a vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church and is actively identified with all that makes for the welfare of the community.

He was born October, 1894, on a farm in the Chapel District of Talbot County, the son of William F. and Maria Louisa (Warren) Jump, the former a native of Talbot County and the latter of Queen Anne's County. The late William F. Jump was a farmer and very well-known for his participation in community affairs. He served for a time as tax collector, and also as county commissioner, and in whatever he undertook, won the respect of his fellow citizens.

Herbert E. Jump attended the local district school and Easton High School, from which he graduated in 1912. He then became a student at St. John's College in Annapolis, and graduated from that institution in 1915, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Mr. Jump has also taken correspondence courses in various subjects.

His first employment was with E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Inc., at Carneys Point, New Jersey, where a high explosives plant was then being constructed. Next he was sent to Virginia, and to Toronto, Canada, and then to the nitrate field in Chile, in South America, where he remained until 1919. He then was connected for a time with the Indemnity Insurance Company of North America. In 1922 he returned to Easton to enter the offices of the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation, which had been founded two years before by Barclay H. Trippe (q.v.) to finance the purchase of automobiles on the installment plan. Mr. Jump became bookkeeper for the corporation and also did general clerical work. He was associated with the corporation for a quarter of a century, through the period of its great growth and development, becoming in course of time a vice president and member of the board of directors. In 1947 he resigned these offices to devote his whole time to the presidency of the Avon Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation which had been formed in Maryland to handle special aspects of the credit business relating to insurance and small loans. Since that time he has continued as president of the Avon Corporation, an office he ably fills at the present time.

Mr. Jump is a member of the Talbot Country Club, and his favorite hobbies are golf and gardening. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics, Mr. Jump is an independent Democrat.

Herbert E. Jump married (first) Leanora Davis of Wilmington, Delaware, June 22, 1922, at Wayne, Pennsylvania. There were no children. Leanora (Davis) Jump died in November, 1942, at Easton, Maryland. Mr. Jump married (second) Mrs. Stella C. Ball of Easton, June 25, 1948.

**J. B. ROULSTON**, president of the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation of Easton, succeeded to the presidency of this large and thriving organization upon the resignation of its founder and first president Barclay Haskins Trippe (q. v.). Mr. Roulston first became identified with this concern in 1935 when he was made co-manager of its Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, branch. He has lived in Easton, head office of the company, since 1937 and takes an active part in the affairs of the community.

J. B. Roulston was born in Philadelphia on December 22, 1905, the son of Herbert and Mary B. (Usher) Roulston. After attending the public schools of his native city, he entered Wharton School, at the University of Pennsylvania, and in 1928 graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Science, having specialized in business administration.

After leaving the University, Mr. Roulston was employed by General Motors Corporation until the end of 1934. On January 1, 1935 he became co-manager of the Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, branch of the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation, which had been founded in 1920 to finance the purchase of automobiles on the installment plan. On November 15, 1937, Mr. Roulston became secretary of the company and moved to Easton, Maryland, to enter its head office. He was elected a member of the board of directors in January, 1939, and two years later, in January, 1941, became executive vice president, a post he filled until the resignation of Barclay Haskins Trippe from the presidency, to become chairman of the board. At that time Mr. Roulston was elected by the board of directors to



succeed to the offices of president and general manager of the company.

Mr. Roulston is a director of the Easton Publishing Company and the American Finance Conference. He is a member of the Talbot Country Club, the Fred Avon Yacht Club, and the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club. In politics he is a Republican, and his religious affiliations are with the Lutheran Church.

He married, on April 16, 1930, Mildred Stanford of Springfield, Ohio, and they have two children: Judith Ann, who is attending school in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania; and Donald S.

**FREDERICK G. REITER**, vice president and assistant general manager of the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation of Easton, and a member of the corporation's board of directors, first became associated with this company in July, 1940, when he was made manager of the Pitman, New Jersey, branch. In September, 1944, after some little time with another concern, he returned to the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation and since then has risen rapidly in the management of this large influential business.

Frederick G. Reiter was born in Philadelphia on January 1, 1910, the son of Henry J. and Mattie E. (Walker) Reiter. He received his education in the Philadelphia schools.

His first experience in the business world was as a runner for the brokerage firm of Cassatt & Company of Philadelphia, with whom he was associated from 1928 to 1931. Then for two years he was in business for himself, operating a distributing company. Later he took a position with Pennsylvania's State Banking Department, which he held one year, and then, in 1934, entered the field of credit financing by becoming identified with the Universal Credit Company. He spent six years with this company and when he left it, was serving as branch manager of its Salisbury, Maryland, branch.

In July, 1940, Mr. Reiter became manager of the Pitman, New Jersey, branch of the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation. In April, 1943, he left the company to become district manager of the Trans-World Air Line in Philadelphia, but a year and a half later, in September, 1944, he returned to the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation. In January, 1946, he was elected vice president in charge of sales and in 1947, was elected vice president and assistant general manager, and also a member of the corporation's board of directors. Mr. Reiter is a member of the Talbot Country Club. While in Pitman, New Jersey, he was a member of the borough council.

He married, on August 24, 1929, Doris E. Lukens of Philadelphia, and they have three children: John L., born in September, 1930; Frederick B., born in November, 1931; and David C., born December 7, 1936. All the children were born in Roxborough, Pennsylvania.

**MRS. FRANCES DUNHAM HOYT**, secretary and assistant treasurer of the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation of Easton, has been associated with this concern since shortly after it was founded and has seen it develop into a thriving business with many branch offices. For fifteen years Mrs. Hoyt served as social correspondent for the Easton "Star-Democrat," and she is well known and liked throughout Talbot County.

She was born Frances Dunham on August 20, 1898, in Easton, Talbot County, the daughter of the late Charles S. Dunham of New York State and Josephine

(James) Dunham of Caroline County, who is still living.

After graduating from Easton High School in 1917, Mrs. Hoyt took a business course at the Bryant & Stratton Business College, graduating there in 1919. Her first position was as stenographer with the Easton Commission Company. After two years they sold out to John S. McDaniel Company, canning brokers. On May 1, 1921, she accepted a position with the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation, which had been founded by Barclay H. Trippe (q. v.) a few months before, in December, 1920, to finance the purchase of automobiles on the installment plan. This sort of financing for automobiles was a new and revolutionary idea at the time, although it has since come into very wide usage. Mrs. Hoyt has been associated with the company ever since and has seen it grow into a great business with many ramifications. Her first position was as secretary to the assistant office manager, but as the business developed she was given more and more responsibility. In 1946 she was made assistant secretary, and on January 1, 1947, was elected secretary and assistant treasurer of the company, an office she fills at the present time. As the company's senior present employee in length of service, Mrs. Hoyt recently had the honor of unveiling the portrait of the founder and first president of the corporation, Barclay H. Trippe, which had been painted by the distinguished portrait artist Fred W. Wright and which now hangs in the lobby of the company's executive offices. Her part in that impressive ceremony added much to the occasion, and the press rightly described her as "a most active and highly regarded Eastonian."

Mrs. Hoyt is a member of Christ Episcopal Church and takes a prominent part in its activities. Mrs. Hoyt takes a keen interest in community affairs and is always ready to lend her support to any good cause. She is a member of the Talbot Country Club, and her hobby and favorite recreation is golf, which affords her a great deal of pleasure.

Frances Dunham married, on September 14, 1921, Henry A. Hoyt, a native of Maryland, and now vice president of the Noble Motor Company. Henry A. and Frances (Dunham) Hoyt have one daughter, Donna, born September 6, 1922. She attended Easton High School and Maryland State Teachers College, from which she graduated in 1943. She taught school for one year. In June, 1943, she married Ernest Heinmuller, then an ensign in the United States Coast Guard, and they have two children: Hoyt, born October 25, 1945, and Jo Angelyn, born January 15, 1948.

**GEORGE E. HOLMES**—Treasurer and assistant secretary of the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation of Easton, and also treasurer of its subsidiaries, George E. Holmes was born in Norfolk, Virginia, August 14, 1902, the son of John S. and Dollie (Evans) Holmes, his father being a native of Norfolk, and his mother of Snow Hill, Maryland.

George E. Holmes attended the public schools of Norfolk, Virginia; Washington, D. C.; and Battle Creek, Michigan; and spent four years studying at the Washington School of Accountancy, from which he graduated in 1923. Until 1926 he was associated with Armour & Company of Chicago in the capacity of accountant. Then he became accountant for the Arundel Mortgage Company of Baltimore, holding this position until 1930, when he first became identified with the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation. Here, too, he was an account-

tant, but, in 1932, he was made assistant secretary of the corporation, and, in 1937, was elected to the office of treasurer, which he still holds. He also serves as treasurer of the Avon Corporation, in Maryland, and the Delco Consumer Discount Company, in Pennsylvania, wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation, which were formed to handle the insurance and small loan aspects of the corporation's business. Mr. Holmes is a director of the three subsidiaries, and he is also a member of the board of directors of the Small Loan Association of Maryland. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Coats Lodge No. 102, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has held all offices through senior warden, and is also a member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He belongs to the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics votes an independent ticket.

George E. Holmes married in Baltimore, February 16, 1927, Ethel L. Brundick, and they have one son, John Hendren, born March 20, 1930. He attended the elementary schools of Easton and Easton High School, after which he entered the University of Maryland, where he studied for one year. At present he is in the United States Navy.

**BARCLAY HASKINS TRIPPE**, who founded the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation of Easton in 1920, with "little more than an idea," at a time when the financing of automobile purchases on the installment plan was an entirely new business, served as president of the corporation for twenty-seven years and is now the honored chairman of its board of directors. Under Mr. Trippe's able and enterprising management, the business developed from an annual volume of \$450,000, in 1921, to a volume in excess of \$7,500,000, at the peak in 1940, the year before the entrance of the United States into World War II.

Barclay Haskins Trippe was born in Easton, October 15, 1877, the son of Richard John and Annie R. (Townsend) Trippe. He is a descendant of Henry Trippe, who settled at Todd's Point in Dorchester County in 1663, and of William Howard, of Locust Grove in Talbot County, the last colonial judge of Maryland.

When Barclay Haskins Trippe was twelve years old, his father died and soon afterward the family moved to Baltimore. The boy, however, "resolved to return to Talbot County to live and that was the goal for which he worked." He had attended the public schools of his native Easton, and, in Baltimore, he studied at City College, but for only two years. At sixteen he entered the employ of Forman Brothers, dealers in grass seed in Baltimore, his wages being two dollars a week. After working with this concern for several years, he became associated with the Pratt Food Company of Boston. In 1906 he moved to New York City, where he and his cousin, the late Augustus S. Trippe, re-organized the old firm of Hope & Trippe, which became Trippe, Barker & Company, importers of cotton dress goods. Barclay Haskins Trippe was vice president of this concern until 1919. In that year he sold out his interest in the business and fulfilled his lifelong dream of returning to Talbot County, where he built his present home—Auburn.

The following year, after six months of rest and relaxation, Mr. Trippe organized the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation to finance the sale of automobiles. Although common practice today, in 1920, this was revolutionary, for then the average man found the purchase of an automobile so impossibly difficult

that he did not even dream of being able to accomplish it, until a way was pointed out to him. Mr. Trippe interested five Easton business men in his idea, and, with a paid-in capital of thirty thousand dollars and one employee, they founded the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation. The company was immediately successful and now, twenty-nine years later, has expanded to include branches in five states and a twenty-five million dollar volume of business.

Barclay H. Trippe held the office of president of the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation for twenty-seven years, but, in 1947, he relinquished it, to allow himself more leisure, retaining, however, an intimate connection with the company as chairman of its board of directors. In assuming his new post, he predicted for the company and its subsidiaries "a period of unlimited opportunity for service to the public and reasonable profit to itself," thus indicating that great as its development had been, he believed in an even greater development ahead.

On April 15, 1948, the company unveiled a portrait of its founder and first president, Barclay Haskins Trippe, with due ceremony, in recognition of his many years of leadership. The portrait, which was painted by the well-known portrait painter Fred W. Wright, was unveiled by Mrs. Florence Dunham Hoyt, senior present employee of the company and now its secretary, whose period of association with Maryland Credit Finance Corporation dates from May 1, 1921. The portrait now hangs in the lobby of the executive offices in the National Bank Building. Officers, directors, and employees, together with members of Mr. Trippe's family, attended the unveiling ceremonies, at which time due tribute was paid to Mr. Trippe's high qualities of leadership by J. B. Roulston, now president of the company, who drew on memories of past association with Mr. Trippe over a number of years for his very happy remarks on this occasion.

Mr. Trippe has always been keenly interested in all that pertains to the welfare of Easton and Talbot County, and has been quick to lend his support to every good cause. For ten years he served as vice president of Memorial Hospital, and he is still a member of its board of directors. He was for many years a vestryman of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, and treasurer of both the parish and the diocese of Easton.

Barclay Haskins Trippe married in November, 1913, Mary Henry, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Henry, Jr., of Cambridge, Maryland. Barclay Haskins and Mary (Henry) Trippe have two children: Martha Henry Trippe and Barclay Haskins Trippe, Jr.

**THE MARYLAND CREDIT FINANCE CORPORATION**—Well known in the field of credit finance, and today in a position of leadership not only in Maryland but in the neighboring states of Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation of Easton has behind it twenty-nine years of growth and development based upon sound management. The corporation was founded in December, 1920, by Barclay H. Trippe (q.v.), who served as its president from its inception until June, 1947, when he resigned to assume the post of chairman of the board of directors.

Mr. Trippe, a native of Easton who had moved away in boyhood and always longed to return, had had years of business experience in Baltimore and New York City, where he was a member of the firm of Trippe, Barker & Company, before he founded this multi-





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ALTON WARREN HALLOWELL



million dollar business with "little more than an idea," as he explained on the historic occasion of Maryland Credit's twenty-fifth anniversary celebration in December, 1945. His thought, the financing of automobile purchases on the installment plan, was, in 1920, "rather a bold idea," since up to that time the average man had found it practically impossible to own a car because of the difficulties in financing the purchase on favorable terms. He succeeded in interesting five Easton business men in his plan: William H. Kemp, Henry P. Turner, John S. McDaniel, Frank Pilsch, and T. Hughlett Henry; and the business was started with one employee and a paid-in capital of thirty thousand dollars. The first officers were: Barclay H. Trippe, president; William H. Kemp, first vice president; Henry P. Turner, second vice president; John S. McDaniel, treasurer; Frank Pilsch, secretary; and T. Hughlett Henry, counsel; and all but Mr. Pilsch served on the first board of directors.

Maryland Credit Finance Corporation met with immediate success, since it filled a widespread need, and it was not long before branches were opened in Baltimore, Wilmington, and Norfolk. In later years, other branch offices were opened in Chester, Upper Darby, and Easton, Pennsylvania; Salisbury and Baltimore, Maryland; and Pitman and Bloomfield, New Jersey. As the business expanded, wholly-owned subsidiary companies were organized to handle the insurance and small loan aspects of its operations: Wye Corporation and Avon Corporation in Maryland, and the Delco Consumer Discount Company in Pennsylvania. The business grew from its 1921 volume of \$450,000 to more than \$25,000,000 in 1949, and had a total volume of \$137,664,448 in its first twenty-nine years of operation. During that time a total of \$571,248 was paid out in taxes, \$2,245,115 in salaries, and declared dividends of \$1,037,970 were paid to its stockholders. The number of employees increased from one to eighty-five, with a peak of one hundred and one, and the number of stockholders increased from five to three hundred and seventy-four. Ninety-nine per cent of the business of this Easton corporation is outside the city.

The Maryland Credit Finance Corporation has been very successful in holding and developing able employees, who are capable of handling its highly specialized operations. The average key employee has been with the company for more than ten years. When the founder and first president, Barclay H. Trippe, resigned the presidency to assume the office of chairman of the board of directors, new leadership had already been developed from within the organization. The present officers have all been associated with the corporation for some years and have held responsible posts in the management of its affairs. The list of officers, sketches of whom appear in this volume, now includes the following: J. B. Roulston, president; F. G. Reiter, vice president; George E. Holmes, treasurer and assistant secretary; and Mrs. Frances Dunham Hoyt, secretary and assistant treasurer. The board of directors includes: Barclay H. Trippe, chairman; J. B. Roulston; F. G. Reiter; T. Hughlett Henry and T. Hughlett Henry, Jr., members of the law firm of Henry & Henry in Easton; James McHenry, vice president of the Maryland Trust Company of Baltimore; and Charles E. Beach, vice president and general manager of the J. C. Stalford Company of Baltimore.

**GLENN T. HALLOWELL**, partner and operator of the automobile business of J. W. Hallowell & Sons of Easton, dealers in Chevrolet automobiles, grew up

in the automobile business, which was established by his father in 1913 in Federalsburg. He has kept pace with the times and has a fine modern plant, with complete sales and service facilities and one of the most complete parts departments in the region.

Glenn T. Hallowell was born in Dorchester County on August 31, 1908, the son of John Wesley and Bettie (Stewart) Hallowell, both natives of Dorchester County and both now deceased. J. W. Hallowell was one of the first automobile dealers on the Eastern Shore, having established his business in 1915 when automobiles were just coming on the market in any quantity.

After attending the public schools of Federalsburg, Glenn T. Hallowell began to work at his father's garage, and he has been actively engaged in the automobile business ever since. The firm is known as J. W. Hallowell & Sons, and deals in Chevrolets. In 1938 this firm built a modern plant in Easton, which houses a complete sales and service establishment and also a well stocked parts department. Mr. Hallowell has had charge of the business since that time. He is a member of the Maryland Automobile Dealers Association and the National Automobile Dealers Association. Fraternally, Mr. Hallowell is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is a member of the Easton Business Men's Association, the Talbot Country Club, the Miles River Yacht Club, and the Cambridge Yacht Club. His favorite hobbies are golf, boating, and baseball.

**ALTON WARREN HALLOWELL**—A young man of considerable stature in the life of his community, whose abilities held brilliant promise for success, Alton Warren Hallowell gave his life for his country as an ensign in the United States Navy during World War II. The same unselfish spirit of service motivated him during his valiant naval service in the Pacific as he had shown in peacetime and as a member of his own community.

Ensign Hallowell was born in Eldorado, Maryland, September 19, 1921. He was a son of Russel Warren and Esther Elizabeth (Payne) Hallowell, and his father, an automobile dealer associated with J. W. Hallowell & Sons, was active in the operation of that agency's branches in Federalsburg, Easton, Cambridge, Maryland, and Seaford, Delaware. On completion of his education at the Federalsburg High School (class of 1938) and at Goldey Business College (class of 1940), Alton Warren Hallowell joined his father in the operation of this enterprise which had been established by his grandfather John Wesley Hallowell (q.v.). Beginning as a Chevrolet agency in 1915, its growth has kept pace with the constantly increasing demand for automobiles and for their servicing. It has been a venture which has made the Hallowell name known and respected throughout the Eastern Shore as representative of able and ethical business men. In addition to his association with J. W. Hallowell & Sons, Alton Warren Hallowell was connected with the County Trust Company of Federalsburg. He was a member of Phi Theta Pi fraternity since attending Goldey Business College, and belonged also to the Caroline Cotillon Club. He was a communicant of the Church of God at Federalsburg.

Enlisting in the United States Navy in the early days of World War II, Alton Warren Hallowell became a torpedo bomber pilot in the Navy Air Corps. He was stationed on the Flag Ship U. S. S. "Lexington" with Admiral Marc A. Mitscher's famous Task



Force 58. This unit, comprised of elements of the Fifth Fleet, was the largest task force in the world. On "D Day" at Guam, when the sanguinary invasion of that Pacific island was made, July 21, 1944, Ensign Hallowell lost his life. He received the grade of lieutenant junior grade, posthumously, the succeeding August; and his parents received a number of decorations awarded him, including the American Theater and Pacific Theater ribbons, a Presidential Citation, and the Purple Heart.

Alton Warren Hallowell's name will be remembered with pride by all who knew him, as one who made the supreme sacrifice in the defense of his country.

**JOHN WESLEY HALLOWELL**, of Federalsburg, Maryland, was the founder of a family enterprise which has long been identified with automobile distribution and service. Indeed, Mr. Hallowell may aptly be termed a pioneer in this field in his vicinity, having established the firm of J. W. Hallowell & Sons in Federalsburg in 1915, as a Chevrolet agency. The sons and grandsons of Mr. Hallowell continue today in this profitable enterprise.

Mr. Hallowell was born September 1, 1869, son of Thomas E. and Regina (Downham) Hallowell. His father was a farmer and a veteran of the War Between the States. John W. Hallowell's formal public schooling was of necessity limited to three years, and his most valuable education was acquired during his extensive experience in the business world.

In the spring of 1915, in the present location of J. W. Hallowell & Sons in Federalsburg, Mr. Hallowell, with an already ample business experience to back his venture, established his own business as a Chevrolet dealership. He had no business partners other than his wife, who assisted him in keeping the accounts. At the time the agency opened its doors, there were only three men on the payroll. But Mr. Hallowell had confidence in an enterprise commensurate with his faith in the future of the automobile—the faith of a forward-looking man. He continued to make his home on his farm, which was managed by his large family of children, some of whom were still growing to manhood and womanhood.

Two years after the establishment of his business, Mr. Hallowell built a home next door to it. The parts department of his garage was at first located in the cellar of his residence. Mrs. Hallowell managed that department, and kept the company's records. In 1923, Russel Hallowell became a partner with his father. At this time also, a full-time bookkeeper was employed to relieve Mrs. Hallowell of her responsibilities in this department. The building which housed the steadily growing business was enlarged, and the parts department was moved into this more capacious structure. In 1925, Garland Wainwright, who is now a partner in the business, came to work with J. W. Hallowell & Sons as bookkeeper, and, with the exception of three war years, has remained with the firm ever since.

In 1930 the increasing volume of the business necessitated another enlargement of the building to include a paint and body shop. In 1937, Glenn Hallowell was taken into the firm as a partner with his father and brother. The firm at that time became known as J. W. Hallowell & Sons, which name it retains today. In 1938, the company branched out, opening a business in Easton, Maryland. This likewise has succeeded well, under the sound yet progressive

management of the various generations of the Hallowell family.

John Wesley Hallowell, founder of the enterprise, is a respected figure in the commercial circles of Federalsburg. He is a loyal Democrat in his politics, and a member of the Undenominational Church of God.

In Cambridge, Maryland, in February, 1892, John Wesley Hallowell married Bettie Stewart, daughter of James Woolford and Elizabeth (Stevens) Stewart. Mrs. Hallowell was born in Aireys, Dorchester County, Maryland, March 2, 1872. She completed courses at the elementary school at Church Creek, after which she completed two years of study at the Cambridge, Maryland, High School. She engaged in keeping the records of the firm of J. W. Hallowell until 1932, and she also had charge of the parts department which was housed in the basement of their home, adjacent to the garage. Mrs. Hallowell proved herself an invaluable partner in the venture, indeed, was indispensable in the early years of its existence. She is a member of the Undenominational Church of God, and is a Democrat in her political credo.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallowell became the parents of ten children: 1. Louis Elwood, born February 9, 1893. 2. Stewart N. M. I., born May 14, 1894. 3. Elsie Regina, born December 23, 1895, now deceased. 4. John Wesley, Jr., born September 10, 1897. 5. Russel Warren (q.v.), born March 23, 1899. 6. James Emerson, born December 2, 1900. 7. Rita, born May 4, 1903. She married Ernest O. Wheatley. 8. Glenn T. born August 31, 1908 (q.v.). 9. Eunice Regina, born September 3, 1910. She married Winfield Henning. 10. Velma Elizabeth, born August 1, 1912, now the wife of James B. Hayman.

**RUSSEL WARREN HALLOWELL** — For a number of years, Russel Warren Hallowell has been engaged in the automotive business established by his father, which originated in Federalsburg, but which has in the process of growth also established plants in Easton, Maryland, and Seaford, Delaware. The firm has handled various makes of car in the General Motors line, having made its start in this direction years ago as a Chevrolet agency. In addition to Russel Warren Hallowell, other members of the family have an interest in the successful enterprise.

Born in Church Creek, Dorchester County, Maryland, Russel Warren Hallowell is a son of John W. and Bettie (Stewart) Hallowell. Of his father, who founded the firm of J. W. Hallowell and Sons, a biographical sketch accompanies this. Russel W. Hallowell received his education in Federalsburg schools, and graduated from the high school there. To the age of seventeen years, he lived and worked on his father's farm. He then found employment with E. I. duPont de Nemours and Company in its Deep Water Powder Plant in New Jersey. After World War I, Mr. Hallowell went to work in the shipbuilding industry, and remained in that productive and valuable occupation until 1922.

In that year he identified himself with his father's activities, engaging in the management of the automobile agency. He became a partner in 1923. At that time the business was confined to the Federalsburg location, but it has since expanded to new locations in Easton and Seaford. In its early years, the firm held the agency for Chevrolet cars and trucks. In 1932, a contract was signed for the sale of Oldsmo-





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BETTIE (STEWART) HALLOWELL









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ESTHER E. (PAYNE) HALLOWELL





biles; and later a Cadillac sales and service agreement was reached. J. W. Hallowell & Sons continues to sell all three General Motors makes of cars. Cadillac sales and service is taken care of at the Easton plant, and an Oldsmobile dealership has been opened at Cambridge. The continuing growth of the Hallowell automotive enterprise is evidence of the high regard in which it is held in each community where it has located.

Russel Warren Hallowell is a Democrat in his politics. For eight years he served on the town board of Federalsburg. He is identified with the Maryland Auto Club and the National Auto Club, and he is fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

At Federalsburg on March 26, 1920, Russel Warren Hallowell married Esther E. Payne, daughter of Thomas H. and Annie Elizabeth Payne. Mrs. Hallowell was born in Eldorado, March 26, 1900, attended the Eldorado School in that city, and is active as a member of the Church of God. She is a Republican in her politics, and is a member of the Women's Club of Federalsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Hallowell have become the parents of four children: 1. Alton W., born September 19, 1921. Of him a separate sketch appears. 2. Jean E., born November 9, 1923. 3. John H., born December 12, 1925. 4. Richard R., born January 14, 1927.

**JOHN FRIEL STOKES**—A leading banker, John Friel Stokes, of Sudlersville, has contributed much toward the commercial and industrial progress of this region of the state. He has exerted a steady influence upon his fellow citizens, and has gained the respect and confidence of many close friends and professional associates.

Mr. Stokes, son of John Haze-O'Connor and Katherine (Friel) Stokes, was born September 11, 1889, at Leavenham in Still Pond Neck, Kent County, Maryland. The first member of the Stokes family to live in this country was John Stokes, grandfather of John Friel Stokes. The former came from Ireland to the United States; he married Anne Colleary and settled in Still Pond Neck where he developed his own fruit orchards and became a prominent horticulturist.

John Haze-O'Connor Stokes, father of John Friel Stokes, was born January 1, 1866, and died February 28, 1934. He owned and operated fruit farms in Still Pond Neck and was active politically in the Democratic party as a member of its State Central Committee. On November 14, 1888, he married Katherine Friel, who was born March 21, 1865, and died February 23, 1932. They became the parents of the following children: 1. John Friel, about whom this article is written. 2. Bernard Scott, deceased. 3. Marie Christine. 4. Katharine Celeste. 5. Jean Cyrille, wife of John Teunis, of Washington, D. C. 6. Paul Curtis. 7. Elizabeth Friel. 8. Edwin Haze-O'Connor.

John Friel Stokes received his early education in the local country schools. He attended Washington College, Chestertown, and Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, later entering Bryant and Stratton Business College, Baltimore, from which he was graduated in 1909. During the summer months of his college years Mr. Stokes worked for fruit commission merchants in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In

his early youth he had learned much about fruit, having been reared on his father's farm.

After completing his formal training, Mr. Stokes became associated with the First National Bank of Baltimore as a member of the transit department. In 1910, after a year in Baltimore, he was appointed cashier of the Sudlersville Bank of Maryland. His work in this responsible position was noted by those in authority, and, in 1915, his efficiency and devotion to duty were rewarded, at which time he was made a director of the bank. Throughout the years he has continued to hold these important posts with this banking institution. His integrity, wisdom, and keen understanding of sound business practices have been invaluable aids to his immediate associates, as well as to the community in general.

On December 31, 1914, John Friel Stokes married Margaret Elizabeth Metcalfe, a native of Prince William County, Virginia. Mr. Stokes is a member of St. Dennis' Catholic Church, Galena, Maryland. He belongs to the Lions Club and has long been active in community life. During the two World Wars he was appointed chairman of various groups in his section of the county, sponsoring numerous drives of both local and national interest.

**FREDERICK GLEAVES USILTON**—The late Frederick Gleaves Usilton of Chestertown, who, at the time of his death on February 6, 1948, was president and managing editor of the "Kent-News," was one of Chestertown's most public-spirited citizens, and was throughout his long lifetime actively devoted to the welfare of the community and identified with every good cause. From boyhood he was associated with the newspaper publishing business in Chestertown, where he was born on February 8, 1867, a son of William Barger and Mary Frances (Frazier) Usilton.

William Barger Usilton, who was a native of Kent County, was the publisher of the "Kent-News," one of the oldest and best known newspapers on the Eastern Shore, which had been founded in 1823. In course of time he took his two sons into partnership with him, the firm name being William B. Usilton & Sons. William B. Usilton was a director of the Chestertown Water Company, a director of the Chestertown Bank of Maryland, and a director of the Kent Building & Loan Company. He married Mary Frances Frazier, and they had six children: 1. Minnie, who married Percy T. McFeely. 2. Frederick Gleaves, the subject of this sketch. 3. William B. Usilton, Jr. 4. Clara, who married Rev. J. Franklin Carey, D.D. 5. Dr. M. Earle Usilton. 6. Louise, who died as a young girl.

Frederick Gleaves Usilton attended the Chestertown public schools, and, from 1885 to 1888, was a student at Washington College. He then took a business course at the Bryant and Stratton Business College of Baltimore, graduating in 1889. While he was still in his teens he had worked in the printing shop of the "Kent-News," of which his father was publisher, and from the start he was in love with printer's ink and all that it signified. He followed a newspaper man's career in his native town from then on to the day of his death. In 1889, upon leaving business college Mr. Usilton became associate editor of the "Kent-News," the firm name at that time becoming William B. Usilton & Son. In 1904, his brother William B. Usilton, Jr., joined the partnership, and a new firm was formed under the name of Wil-

liam B. Usilton & Sons. After the death of William B. Usilton in 1910, the two brothers continued in partnership under the firm name of William B. Usilton's Sons. On February 1, 1946, Frederick Gleaves Usilton was elected president and managing editor of the "Kent-News," and he held this post at the time of his death two years later.

Although newspaper work was his first and best love, Mr. Usilton had many other business interests. He was one of the organizers of the Kent County Savings Bank and served as its president for many years. He was president of the Kent Mutual Insurance Company and of the Kent Building & Loan Company. Active in civic enterprises, he served on the board of visitors and governors of Washington College and on the board of the Eastern Shore State Hospital. He was president of the Kent County Welfare Board, a director of the Chester Cemetery, Company, and had served as president of Group 5 of the Maryland Bankers Association. He was a prominent member of Christ Methodist Church and served as president of its board of trustees; and for more than twenty years he was superintendent of its Sunday school, a post his father had held for forty years. Mr. Usilton was a Democrat. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

On December 8, 1909, Frederick Gleaves Usilton was married to Addie Skirven Hurlock, who was born in Kent County near Chestertown, the daughter of Charles Henry and Sarah Adelle (Jones) Hurlock, the former a native of Kent County and the latter of Dublin, New Hampshire. Mrs. Usilton's father was a farmer. She was the sixth of eight children: 1. Arthur Clarke Hurlock. 2. Mary Belle, who married Charles R. Colladay. 3. Warren Corey Hurlock. 4. Frank Abraham Hurlock. 5. Harry Diehl Hurlock. 6. Addie Skirven (Hurlock) Usilton. 7. Gaylord Vannort Hurlock. 8. Eva Parsons, who married William Frank Jarrell. Mrs. Usilton graduated from Washington College in 1904, and prior to her marriage taught in the Chestertown public schools for about six years. Like her husband, Mrs. Usilton has been extremely active in civic enterprises. At one time she took an active part in the work of Christ Methodist Sunday school, in the church choir, and in various musical organizations. She was prominent in the woman's suffrage movement in Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Usilton were the parents of one son, Frederick Gleaves Usilton, Jr., born December 20, 1911. He graduated from Washington College, received the degree of Master of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania, and has entered the field of education and is devoting his life to it. In 1939, he married Patience Hester Pyle, a native of Chestertown and a graduate of Washington College, who had taught in the Maryland public schools. Frederick Gleaves Usilton, Jr., and Patience Hester (Pyle) Usilton have two sons: 1. Frederick Gleaves Usilton, III. 2. John Lyston Usilton.

**CECIL ANDREW EWING**—As director of Tome Institute, Cecil Andrew Ewing has filled an important post in Port Deposit. He is active in community affairs, and also is well known in educational circles generally, being the author of two mathematics textbooks and president of the mathematics section of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools.

He was born September 29, 1876, in Tyrone, Pennsylvania, the son of Dr. Cicero Mendall and Mary

Jane (Ducan) Ewing, both natives of Pennsylvania. Dr. Cicero Mendall Ewing was a physician and surgeon and, during the Civil War, served as a surgeon in the United States Army.

Cecil Andrew Ewing attended the public schools of Tyrone and graduated from Tyrone High School in 1892. He then studied at Dickinson Preparatory School until 1894 and went on to Dickinson College, from which he graduated, in the class of 1898, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In college he was a member of the Union Philosophical Society, of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and also of Phi Beta Kappa. Upon graduation he moved to Delaware and became a teacher in Wilmington Conference Academy. The second year he was promoted to the post of vice principal, and the third year became acting principal. In 1901 he came to Port Deposit as head of the mathematics department of Tome and he held this position for forty years, until 1941, when the school was closed, also serving as registrar for many years. In 1941 he went to Andover, Massachusetts, to teach for a year at Phillips Academy, and the following year returned to Port Deposit as director of Tome. He is the author of "Plain Trigonometry" and "Review Exercises in First Year Algebra," and, as stated above, is president of the mathematics section of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools, taking an enthusiastic interest in all the activities of this professional association. Mr. Ewing takes a prominent part in the activities of the Methodist Church of Port Deposit, serving as superintendent of the Sunday school and president of the Board of Trustees.

He married, on March 27, 1900, Adeline Mill, a native of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, the town in which Dickinson College is located. They had two children, one of whom died in infancy, and a daughter, Edith Muriel Ewing.

**HARRY COOK COLEMAN, JR.**—Postmaster of Chestertown, Harry Cook Coleman, Jr., is a native of Maryland, educated in its schools and, except for World War II naval service, a lifelong resident of the state. He was born on September 21, 1916, son of Harry Cook and Elizabeth (Ivens) Coleman, both also natives of Chestertown, where the elder man is cashier and a director of the Kent County Savings Bank. A second member of the family is a daughter, Anna, who married William B. Willis, Jr.

Mr. Coleman attended the public schools of his birthplace and was graduated from high school in 1933. Later he entered Washington College, where he was graduated with the class of 1938, a Bachelor of Arts. At both institutions he played on the basketball teams, and possessed the physique that secured him employment as a lifeguard at Tolchester Beach, an occupation that helped him finance his education. After completing his academic studies, he entered the Maryland Comptroller's Office as an auditor in the Income Division, at Annapolis, where he continued to 1941.

In that year he resigned to enlist in the United States Navy for World War II service and was sent to a midshipman school. After being commissioned an ensign he was assigned to mine sweeper duty, most of his service being on the New Guinea coast on the U. S. S. "YMS 50." His last active duty was commanding officer at the Demobilization Center at Bainbridge, Maryland. On December 4, 1946, he was relieved from active service with the rank of lieutenant



commander, United States Naval Reserve Corps. Returning to the Maryland Comptroller's Office as a field representative, on December 4, 1947, he was appointed acting postmaster of Chestertown, and was commissioned Postmaster on June 2, 1949, a post he continues to fill most capably. He is a member of the American Legion and the Lions Club.

**JOSEPH ALEXANDER CLAUDE LOWERY**, one of the most progressive farmers on the Eastern Shore and president of Queen Anne's County board of commissioners, was born February 21, 1901, in Stevensville, the son of Claude and Edith (Cook) Lowery, both natives of Kent Island. The Lowery family came from Virginia to the Eastern Shore of Maryland more than a hundred and fifty years ago. Claude Lowery was a farmer, and he and his wife had three children: 1. Joseph Alexander Claude. 2. William Cook. 3. Samuel W.

Joseph Alexander Claude Lowery was educated in the elementary schools of Stevensville and Stevensville High School. During the summers he helped his father on the farm and after leaving school he worked on his father's farm until 1922, when he began farming for himself. He has taken a very active part in promoting progressive farming in this region. He is a former director of the Queen Anne's County Farm Bureau, and served as a committeeman on the Agricultural Adjustment Agency program for several years. During World War II, he served as a director of the Queen Anne's County Farm Labor Association. He is a director of the Stevensville Bank of Maryland. In 1942 Mr. Lowery was elected a member of the Queen Anne's County board of commissioners, and that same year he was made president of the board, with offices in Centreville. He was re-elected to this post in 1946. Mr. Lowery is a Methodist, and he is a member of the Lions Club, and takes an active part in community affairs.

Joseph Alexander Claude Lowery married, on June 30, 1923, Reba Emma Rowe, who was born in Chester, Queen Anne's County, and they have two children: 1. Isabel Cook, who married James F. Ewing. 2. John Claude, now a student.

**THOMAS REYNOLDS CARPENTER**—Always a resident of Taylors Island, T. Reynolds Carpenter is the prototype of the progressive and successful farmer of the younger generation who are now carrying on its old agricultural tradition.

Born on Taylors Island, August 12, 1915, Mr. Carpenter is a son of Allen Carpenter who lived on the island from the time he was five years of age. His mother, whose maiden name was Edith Lambdin, was also a resident of the island, and both parents are still living.

During the years of his education in the grade and high schools of Dorchester County, Mr. Carpenter assisted on his father's farm, gaining sufficient experience so that, on finishing high school, he entered farming for himself. Conscientious, and progressive in his methods, his efforts have been successful. His chief crop is tomatoes, a popular item of produce of Taylors Island, which repay well those who devote the proper care to their cultivation. The farm owned by Mr. Carpenter has an area of one hundred acres, and he farms an additional forty acres which he cash rents. The equipment on his farm is of the most modern; and his interest in progressive agriculture

is evidenced by his wholehearted participation in the activities of the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Carpenter is a member of the Democratic party, and attends regularly both the Episcopal and Methodist churches.

**EDWIN DENNETT LONG**, a member of the firm of Long Brothers, of Westover, has been engaged, since 1914, in general merchandising, canning, and farming, with particular attention to tomato-canning and dairy farming. Mr. Long takes a keen interest in community affairs and is a member of many local organizations.

He was born at Westover, June 25, 1891, the son of Edwin Daniel and Frances (Broughton) Long. His father was a local surveyor and was engaged in general merchandising and farming. Edwin Dennett Long attended the Westover elementary school and Washington High School at Princess Anne. He then took a commercial course at Beacom Business College in Wilmington, Delaware, of which he is a graduate. From 1910 to 1912, he was engaged in the merchandising business at Westover with his father, under the firm name of E. D. Long & Son. From 1912 to 1914 he operated the store as E. Dennett Long, and, in 1914, he purchased, from Robert G. Charles of Aberdeen, one-half of the canning factory located in Westover, then owned and operated by William B. Long and Mr. Charles. At the same time, William B. Long purchased one-half of the store from E. Dennett Long, thus establishing the firm of Long Brothers. From 1914 to 1948, Long Brothers have engaged in a general merchandising business and in general farming, cultivating approximately seven hundred and fifty acres and operating a dairy farm. They are also engaged in canning tomatoes and are packers of green wrapped tomatoes. Mr. Long is a member of the Princess Anne Business Men's Association; the Tri-State Packing Association at Easton; the Somerset Farm Co-operative Association at Princess Anne, in which he serves on the board of directors; and the Somerset County Farm Bureau, and is a member of the board of directors of the Peninsula General Hospital of Salisbury. He is an active member of the Princess Anne Rotary Club and, from 1945 to the present time, has been a member of its board of directors. Fraternally he is affiliated with Manokin Lodge No. 106, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at Princess Anne; Salisbury Lodge of Perfection and Salisbury Chapter of Rose Croix; and Chesapeake Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. Mr. Long is a leading member of the Manokin Presbyterian Church of Princess Anne, serving as a ruling elder and a member of the board of deacons and the church finance committee.

On April 12, 1915, at Deal Island, Edwin Dennett Long was married to Mary Myra Thomas, the daughter of Lybrand and Emma P. (Webster) Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Long have one son, Edwin Dennett Long, Jr., born December 27, 1916, at Crisfield. He attended the Westover elementary school and graduated from Washington High School at Princess Anne, and from McDonough Preparatory School at McDonough, Maryland. He then entered the University of Maryland, graduating from this institution in 1938, and later attended Beacom Business College in Wilmington, Delaware. While at the University of Maryland he trained in the Reserve Officers Training Corps



and was awarded the Governor Ritchie Cup for having the best drilled company. He was a member of the Scabbard and Blade, national military fraternity, and in 1937-1938 was president of the Maryland Alpha chapter of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He was also a manager of the lacrosse team in 1937-38, a member of the dean's advisory board, and the interfraternity council. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps at Fort Washington. On August 27, 1942, he entered the United States Army as a second lieutenant and was released in April, 1946, with the rank of major, retaining his commission in the Reserve Corps. He is now a junior partner of Long Brothers. He was married on October 3, 1939, at Hagerstown, Maryland to Jean Annette Hoffman, and they have two daughters: Carol Gilbert Long, born February 27, 1942; and Barrie Dennett Long, born October 4, 1947.

**IRA THOMPSON TODD**, one of the partners of the Metompkin Bay Oyster Company of Crisfield, has spent his entire business career in the seafood business, which he learned as a boy from his father on Holland Island. He plays an active role in local and regional trade associations, and also in religious and civic work.

He was born on June 15, 1887, on Holland Island in Dorchester County, the son of Major Carroll and Anna Elizabeth Todd, the former born on Holland Island in February, 1868, died January, 1942, the latter born on Deal Island in February, 1868, and died July 7, 1940. Major Carroll Todd was a wholesale fisherman and also served as police captain. He was a Republican by political affiliation.

Ira Thompson Todd was educated in the public schools of Holland Island. As a boy he learned the seafood business by accompanying his father, Major Carroll Todd, on his fishing trips, thus becoming acquainted with trap fishing and all manner of commercial fishing, including the collection of oysters. Holland Island, only about a mile and a half square, was an excellent place to gain experience in fishing and first-hand knowledge of marine life. However, in 1918 this first-hand knowledge became a little too immediate for comfort when the high waters overran the island, washing away many familiar structures and all the inhabitants had to leave. At that time Mr. Todd was married and had three small children. He served as a member of the draft board of Holland Island during World War I. Later he and his family moved to Crisfield, and, in 1940, he became a partner in the packing plant known as the Metompkin Bay Oyster Company, packers of oysters and crabs. They are very successful in packing soft shell crabs, and have kept pace with new developments in the industry by wrapping and freezing some of their seafood products. Mr. Todd is a director of the Watermans Seafood Association, a member of the Seafood Packers Association, and a member of the advisory board of the Atlantic States Marine Compact Commission. He is a director of the Bank of Crisfield, and also serves as a director of the McCready Hospital. He is a Republican, and fraternally is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and has attained the Thirty-second degree in the Masonic order. He takes a leading part in the activities of the Immanuel Methodist Church, serving as trustee and steward.

He married, on Holland Island, July 29, 1907, Nel-

lie A. Parks, a native of Holland Island and the daughter of William Wiley and Rosa Parks, the former born on Holland Island, April 1, 1860, died in 1942, the latter born in Washington, D. C., July 10, 1868. Ira Thompson and Nellie A. (Parks) Todd are the parents of four children: Dorothy, born on Holland Island, August 30, 1909; Ruth, born on Holland Island, February 21, 1915; Ira, born November 19, 1917; and Nellie May, born in Crisfield, May 29, 1922.

**CHARLES WEBSTER, JR.**—Active in a variety of business enterprises, Charles Webster, Jr., of East New Market, has met resourcefully a particular public need in each one. He is well-known throughout the Eastern Shore, and active in its affairs.

Mr. Webster was born in East New Market, August 9, 1905, son of Charles and Daisy (Hubbard) Webster. His father was engaged in the canning business, which had been established by the grandfather, Samuel Lawrence Webster, and in this business Charles Webster, Jr., was brought up. He attended public schools in East New Market, and Washington College, thereafter entering the canning business actively with his father. With this concern he has been associated ever since, owning and operating it since the death of his father.

In the early 1930s he started in the coal business in a modest way. This business he has developed to such an extent that he probably has as large a volume of fuel business as anyone on the Eastern Shore. Among his numerous friends he has become known in a familiar way as the "Coal and Fuel Oil Man." The fuel oil designation in this title dates to 1947, when he began the retailing of this product in addition to coal.

When his trucks are not used in his own deliveries, they are often in use in a variety of hauling jobs. Bright red vehicles, with "Webster" painted on them in white letters, they are a familiar sight on highways throughout the entire region.

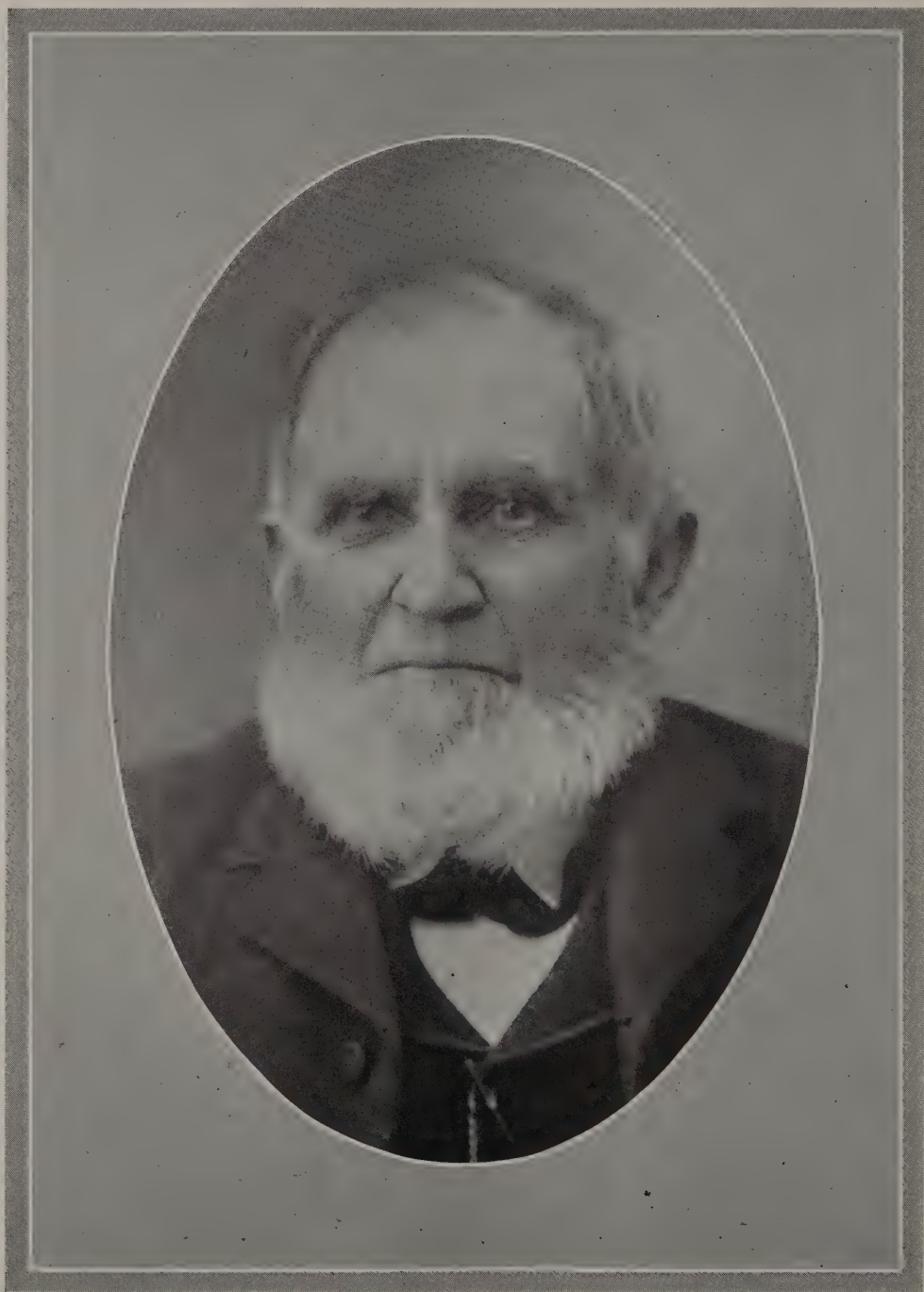
Mr. Webster is keenly interested in all that goes on in his home area. Until recently he served as a member of the town board, and he enjoys membership in the Cambridge Country and Cambridge Yacht clubs. Politically, he is a loyal Democrat.

On June 20, 1936, Charles Webster, Jr., married Rhoda Emlen Ewell of Dorchester County, daughter of Laurence Middleton and Rhoda (Emlen-Smith) Ewell.

**WILLIAM DUNBAR GOULD**—Since 1924 William Dunbar Gould has practiced law in Cambridge, and he is active in all community affairs there. He was born in Lonaconing, September 25, 1900, the son of the Reverend William Dunbar and Rosa Belle (Dunlop) Gould, both now deceased, the former a native of Queen Anne's County, the latter of Petersburg, Virginia. The Reverend William Dunbar Gould was a well known Episcopal clergyman.

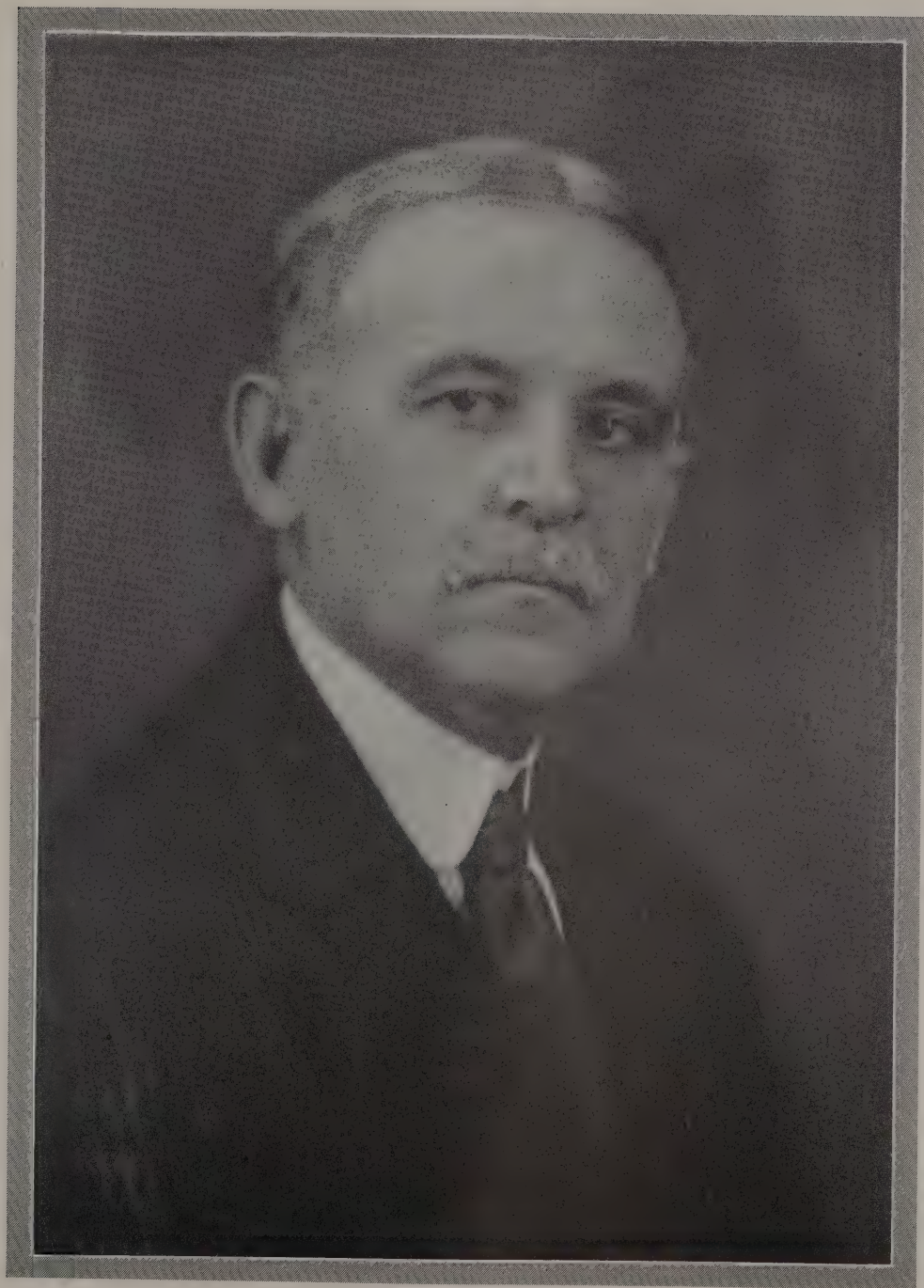
William Dunbar Gould was educated in Baltimore City College, in Washington College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1921, and in Harvard University Law School. After graduating from law school in 1924, with the degree of Bachelor of laws, he was admitted to the Maryland bar that same year and began a general law practice in Dorchester County which he has continued to the present time. In 1939 he became associated with W. Laird Henry in the firm of Henry & Gould. In 1943, when Mr. Henry was elevated to the bench of the First Judicial Circuit Court, his place in the firm was taken by Charles E. Edmondson and the firm name was





SAMUEL LAWRENCE WEBSTER





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changed to Gould & Edmondson. Both partners have served in the capacity of State's Attorney.

Mr. Gould, in addition to his law practice, is a director of the Cambridge Manufacturing Company, a director of the Dorchester Fertilizer Company, and of other concerns. During World War II, he served three years in the United States Navy in Naval Aviation Supply, holding the rank of lieutenant commander. Mr. Gould is at present serving as the president of the Dorchester County Bar Association, and he is also a member of the Maryland Bar Association. He is a member and former vestryman and junior warden of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and by political affiliation is a Democrat.

William Dunbar Gould married, on August 20, 1925, Esther Doris Urie of Chestertown, and they have three children: Esther Dunlop, Rosa Belle, and William Dunbar, Jr.; all attending local schools.

**DR. ARTHUR SAXTON PARKER** is engaged in the practice of chiropractic surgery in Cambridge. Until recently in the armed services, he has, since his arrival in Cambridge, taken an interest in civic activities.

Dr. Parker's grandfather, Jonas Parker, was one of three brothers who came from England and settled on the Eastern Shore. His son, Harry E., Sr., lived in Dorchester County, his occupation being the sale of farm implements. He has been prominent for many years in Masonic circles. He married Lucy Wright of Dorchester County, and their son, Arthur Saxton, was born in East New Market on September 19, 1919.

After attending the public schools in the town of his birth, Arthur S. Parker matriculated at Lincoln Chiropractic College, in Indianapolis. Here he received his degree of Doctor of Chiropractic in 1940. Thereafter, returning to his home state, he became associated with Dr. Robert Weygand, in Cambridge, and remained with him until 1942. He then entered military service, and until 1946 served as a captain in the Medical Administrative Corps of the Army Medical Service. He now holds the same rank in the Army Medical Reserve.

Upon completion of active service he returned to Cambridge and, once more associating himself with Dr. Weygand, resumed private practice. He is a member of the Child Welfare Department for the Eastern Shore, and past president of the Eastern Shore Chiropractic Association. He belongs to both the Maryland and the National chiropractic associations. Dr. Parker has had teaching experience, having been an instructor in X-ray at the Lincoln Chiropractic Hospital for three years, at the time he was attending college there.

Dr. Parker is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and is a Mason, being a member of Cambridge Lodge No. 66, and of the Eastern Star. Since his days of military service, he has been particularly interested in the affairs of the American Legion. He is enrolled as a Democrat. At East New Market, where he was a member of the Methodist Church, he was a teacher in the men's Bible class. For recreation he prefers sports: golf, boating and baseball.

Dr. Arthur Saxton Parker married, on May 9, 1937, Norma Elaine Hurley, of Cambridge, daughter of William O. Hurley. They have a son, Arthur S., Jr.

Service in Cambridge, installing new machinery and engaging in tire recapping. This was the first business of its kind in Cambridge. In 1940 the firm became distributors for Kelly-Springfield tires. In January, 1942, Mr. Wright entered the service of the United States Coast Guard, and Mr. Stevenson operated the business throughout World War II. Upon Mr. Wright's discharge in 1946, they assumed the Studebaker automobile agency for this territory and incorporated that part of the business under the name of Wright Motors. They built a modern sales and service plant adjacent to their original tire-capping plant. They have also become the local distributors for General Tires and retailers of Shell Petroleum products.

Hubert H. Wright was born in Cambridge, April 5, 1911, the son of Hubert H. and Lillian (Whitmore) Wright, both now deceased, the former a native of Cambridge, the latter a Virginian by birth. Hubert H. Wright the younger was educated in the local public schools. His first business experience was in real estate and insurance, in which he engaged until starting his present business. During World War II, he served as chief boatswain's mate in the United States Coast Guard from January, 1942, to September, 1946. He is a member of the American Legion, the Yacht Club, and the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is affiliated with Cambridge Lodge Number 1217, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is Past Exalted Ruler, and with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of Cambridge Lodge Number 66, Cambridge Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Cambridge Council, Royal and Select Masters. He attends Christ Episcopal Church. Mr. Wright's hobbies are yachting and amateur photography.

He married on March 5, 1941, Jean Winterbottom of Cambridge, and they have two children: Hubert Harris, Jr., born February 13, 1942, and Donald R., born December 13, 1943.

Clarence T. Stevenson was born in Richmond, Virginia on August 18, 1905, the son of John R. and Anna (Seibert) Stevenson, both still living. He was educated in the public schools and in Strayer's Business College in Baltimore. He spent eight years in the employ of Montgomery Ward & Company and then nine years with the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, until 1939, when he entered upon his present business. Besides his activity in the tire-capping and automobile distributing and service station business, in association with Mr. Wright, Mr. Stevenson also engages in real estate operations. He serves as a director of the Cambridge Maryland Hospital Association. He is a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association and of the National Institute of Tire Dealers. Mr. Stevenson is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a Past Exalted Ruler, and with the Loyal Order of Moose, serving at present as Governor of the latter organization. He is a member of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. In politics Mr. Stevenson is an independent Democrat, and he is a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His favorite hobby is bird hunting.

He married, on August 8, 1932, Elsie M. Leitch of Baltimore, and they have two children: Elizabeth Ann and Patricia Lee.

**HUBERT H. WRIGHT and CLARENCE T. STEVENSON**—In 1939 Hubert H. Wright and Clarence T. Stevenson established the Wright Tire

**LORA JEROME MILBOURNE**—For many years associated with the sea food packing industry of Crisfield, Lora Jerome Milbourne has made significant

contributions toward the growth of this phase of the community life. His honesty and efficiency have gained for him a good reputation, and he has become one of the city's leading citizens.

Mr. Milbourne was born September 14, 1881, at Crisfield, son of Littleton and Margaret (Beauchamp) Milbourne. His father, a native of Somerset County, was a prominent farmer of the region. His mother was born in Worcester County.

After gaining his formal training in the public schools of Crisfield, Lora Jerome Milbourne became associated with the sea food packing industry. Throughout the years he has held important positions in this business, gaining ever more valuable experience and knowledge. His efforts culminated in the formation of the Capitol Fish and Oyster Company. He now operates this enterprise, which specializes in packing oysters, and has seventeen workers employed in its operation. This firm has become prominent in the industry due largely to the leadership and executive ability of Mr. Milbourne.

Active in community life, Mr. Milbourne is a member of the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce. In politics he is an independent voter, and in religious faith he is a Methodist, worshipping at the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church.

Lora Jerome Milbourne married (first) Julia F. Sterling, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Loraine. 2. Ronald. 3. Tress. 4. Elva. He married (second) Grace Tyler, and they became the parents of one child, Brice Milbourne.

**PAT H. CAVANAUGH** is president and treasurer of Cavanaugh Motors, Inc., of Salisbury, handling Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury automobiles and also Ford trucks and farm equipment. Mr. Cavanaugh takes a keen interest in community affairs.

He was born September 4, 1890, in Liverpool, England, the son of Pat H. and Ann (Byrne) Cavanaugh, both now deceased. His father was in the wholesale liquor business at Waterbury, Connecticut. When very young Pat H. Cavanaugh came to the United States with his parents. After he left school he became a bookkeeper for a cotton brokerage house, filling this post for two and a half years. He then went west to Glendive, Montana, and spent two years as a cowboy on the Circle H. K. Horse Ranch. Returning to Waterbury, he took over the wholesale liquor business in which his father had been engaged, and was associated with it until he enlisted for service in World War I. He entered service in 1917 and was sent to officers' training camp at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. He was commissioned a second lieutenant and went overseas with the 37th Infantry Division, seeing front line action in the Meuse-Argonne and allied offensives. He was discharged with the rank of captain in 1920. Mr. Cavanaugh then became a salesman for the Locomobile Company of Philadelphia, and later he was manager of the White Motor Company of Philadelphia, spending twelve years with this firm. He then came to Salisbury and took over the Ford automobile agency, which he has handled ever since, doing business under the firm name of Cavanaugh Motors, Inc. Mr. Cavanaugh is president and treasurer of the firm and Leslie Reinnier is secretary.

Mr. Cavanaugh is an active member of the Kiwanis Club and is currently serving as its president. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church.

He married, in Norfolk, Virginia, Olga Kocieubin-

ska. Her father is a chemist with the Palmerton Zinc Company. Mr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh have one son; Pat H. Cavanaugh, Jr., born December 31, 1932.

**NORMAN SPEAR DUDLEY, M.D.**—For forty-five years Dr. Norman Spear Dudley has practiced medicine in Church Hill, and he is one of the best-loved and respected physicians of Queen Anne's County. Dr. Dudley has always taken an active part in civic affairs and has the reputation of lending his support wherever needed.

He was born April 1, 1874, in Sudlersville, the son of Dr. Samuel Charles and Helen Sonora (Spear) Dudley. The Dudley family of Queen Anne's County stems from William Dudley, who settled at what is now Dudley's Corners before the Revolutionary War, and fought in that war on the side of the motherland. Three of Dr. Norman Spear Dudley's uncles served in the Confederate Cavalry during the Civil War, under General Jeb Stuart. Dr. Samuel Charles Dudley was born near Dudley's Corners in 1843, and died in 1926. He was a practicing physician in this area, having received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Maryland Medical College in 1867. He also served as clerk of the Circuit Court of Queen Anne's County for six years. He married Helen Sonora Spear, a native of Kent County, and they had four children: 1. Dr. Norman Spear Dudley. 2. Charles Bradford Dudley. 3. Helen Marie Dudley, who married Mr. Chandler. 4. Georgia Spear Dudley, now deceased.

Norman Spear Dudley attended the public schools of Church Hill, the Church Hill Academy, and St. Charles College, near Ellicott City. Then, for two years, he studied at Washington College, and, in 1897, he entered the University of Maryland Medical College, where he graduated in 1901, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine. While in college he played baseball and tennis, and at Washington College was a member of the Mt. Vernon Literary Society. After receiving his degree he returned to Church Hill and for the next two years continued his medical studies under Dr. John H. J. Wheedon, a prominent physician and surgeon of that day on the Eastern Shore. In 1903, he himself began the private practice of medicine at Church Hill, where he has practiced ever since. Dr. Dudley served for one term on the Church Hill Town Council, and, for eight years, he was health officer of Queen Anne's County. For twelve years he filled the office of register of wills for Queen Anne's County. During both World Wars he was medical examiner for the selective service board. A staunch Democrat, Dr. Dudley has served on the Maryland Democratic central committee. He is a member of the Maryland Medical Association and has served as its vice president.

On December 21, 1911, he married Clara Elizabeth Walls, who was born near Church Hill. She was a graduate of Western Maryland State College and had taught school for over five years before her marriage. Dr. and Mrs. Dudley had seven children: 1. Mary Eleanor, a graduate of Washington College, now deceased. 2. Clara Elizabeth. She attended Washington College and graduated from Mercy Hospital of Baltimore as a trained nurse. During World War II, she served as an ensign in the United States Navy WAVES. She married Shad Wootin Griffin. 3. Margaret Ann, who attended Washington College and married William Dixon. 4. Samuel Charles. He is a graduate of Washington College and also of Johns Hopkins University, where he specialized in





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chemical engineering; later he did postgraduate work at George Washington University in Washington, D. C. He married Gladys Rebecca Aldridge, a graduate of Washington College, and they have one daughter, Suzanne Dudley. 5. Norman Spear Dudley, Jr. He graduated from Washington College, where, in addition to his other activities, he was on the baseball team. During World War II, he served as a captain in the United States Army Air Corps. On his fifty-eighth mission he was shot down and was captured and held prisoner by the Germans for six months and ten days. Since his return to civilian life he has been a student at the University of Tampa. He married Margaret King of Tampa, and they have one son, William Lee. 6. Philip Lee Travis Dudley. He attended Washington College and, during World War II, served as a lieutenant in the United States Naval Air Corps in the South Pacific. He married, and is the father of a son, Philip Lee Travis Dudley, Jr. 7. Eugene L. Dudley, who died at the age of seven.

#### JUDGE WILLARD CLAYTON MITCHELL—

As public official and business man of Centreville, Judge Willard Clayton Mitchell has distinguished himself, and he has merited the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

Willard Mitchell was born November 16, 1887, near Harrington, Delaware, son of Willard and Lydia (Porter) Mitchell. Both his parents were natives of Caroline County, Maryland, and his father was prominent as a farmer. The family is an old one in this region, its members having resided here for six generations.

Willard Clayton Mitchell received his early education in the local country schools of Ridgely in Caroline County, where he also attended high school until 1904. In that year he joined his father in the operation of the family farm, remaining in this occupation for three years, after which he took up farming for himself and became successful in his endeavors.

In 1912, Mr. Mitchell moved to Wilmington, Delaware, where he became associated with the Wilson Hardware Company. After a short period of time he joined the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a car builder. Here he gained experience and consequent promotions due to his faithful execution of duties, and, at the time of his departure from this company, he was holding the position of car inspector. In 1917, after leaving the railroad, he worked for the Pusey and Jones Corporation, shipbuilders, remaining with them during World War I. In 1919, he became engaged in heating and plumbing contracting at Church Hill, Maryland. In the following year, he came to Centreville and joined E. S. Valliant and Son as plant superintendent. After several years in this capacity he was promoted to the position of sales representative. He has held this post since, and throughout the years he has striven through continued devotion to duty and efficient handling of his varied and responsible assignments to improve the standing of the company in this community. Much of its remarkable success has been due to the efforts of Mr. Mitchell.

Willard Mitchell has accumulated an outstanding record as a public servant. Twice he has served on the Centreville City Council. For two years he acted as president of the Queen Anne's County Liquor Control Board. On April 28, 1945, he was appointed by Governor O'Connor as Queen Anne's County magistrate. After serving one term on the bench, he was re-appointed, two years later, by Governor Lane.

In the life of his community, Judge Mitchell is

active fraternally as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religious affiliation he adheres to the Methodist Church.

On November 11, 1909, Willard Clayton Mitchell married Grace Cannon, a native of Queen Anne's County. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Alfred Clayton, who married Merrian Cornelius, of Kent County; one son, Alfred Dennis Mitchell, was born to them. 2. Sara Mullikin, who became the wife of Hugh M. Perry; they became the parents of one child, Kenneth Mullikin.

**ALONZO THOMAS STERLING**—A leading business man of Crisfield, Alonzo Thomas Sterling has made valuable contributions toward the industrial growth and development of this section of Maryland. His work in the sea food industry has been outstanding and he has gained an excellent reputation for good business judgment and integrity among a host of close friends and associates.

Mr. Sterling was born October 9, 1886, at Crisfield, son of George Thomas and Lucy (Hudgins) Sterling. His father, a native of Crisfield, was a Republican in politics and, fraternally, was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His mother was a native of Mathews County, Virginia.

After receiving his formal education in the public schools of his native town, Alonzo Sterling took an active interest in the sea food industry. After gaining some experience in this line of endeavor, he established the firm of Hickman and Sterling with Paul Hickman. In the years that followed these two men worked side by side to build their undertaking into a thriving and successful enterprise. The firm specialized in the packing and shipping of all varieties of sea food. Some years ago Mr. Hickman left the concern. Since then it has continued to flourish under the able leadership of Mr. Sterling, who employs thirty helpers in the operation of the business.

In connection with his packing and shipping enterprise, Mr. Sterling is active in the work of the Crisfield Sea Food Packers Association. A civic-minded citizen, he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and, fraternally, he has been active with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Politically, he adheres to the Democratic party, and for religious worship he attends the Mariners Church of Crisfield.

On April 13, 1912, at Crisfield, Alonzo Thomas Sterling married Beatrice McCready, daughter of Ulysses and Cornelia (Rayfield) McCready. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Earl Thomas, who was born at Crisfield, and married Elizabeth Holloway, of Salisbury; they became the parents of the following children: i. Thomas. ii. Mary B. 2. Ulysses Grant, also born at Crisfield.

**GARLAND DAVID BULL**—For a number of years, Garland David Bull has been engaged in the handling of products of the soil in Pocomoke City. One of the outstanding features of his career is the number of businesses with which he has been identified.

He is a native of Accomack County, Virginia, born on November 1, 1897, the son of John Henry and Dona Dix Bull, both also natives of Accomack County. The mother is deceased. Reared on his father's farm, Garland David Bull learned something about agriculture first-hand as boy and youth. When he was sixteen years of age, the family moved to Pocomoke City, Maryland, but prior to this time he had followed various interests, even as a boy industriously intent on making his way in the world.



Mr. Bull has never lacked the courage to engage in a new enterprise, if he thought he could get ahead faster in the field. In chronological order, he farmed, and later, for five or six years, dealt in wood. For three years he was engaged in the hauling of freight, a line of endeavor which eventually grew into the Pocomoke Transfer Company, and then started the Small and Bull store. This, in turn, was succeeded by the establishment of the Small and Bull hatchery, a combination of two enterprises, which hatches chicks and sells feed. The firm, now hatching approximately seventy thousand chicks per week, also buys eggs and live poultry, and carries all kinds of poultry equipment, as well as remedies for sick poultry. Under the name of G. D. Bull Wholesale Produce, Garland David Bull is also engaged, individually, in hauling by truck, and in the wholesale distribution of fruits and produce to grocery and similar stores on the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula. Having in operation twenty pieces of equipment, these various activities employ a large number of people. In June, 1947, Mr. Bull started the present Pocomoke Frozen Food Lockers, located on Clarke Avenue in the same building with his produce business, and which now comprises one thousand eight hundred lockers where food is processed and stored.

Mr. Bull is a member of the board of directors of the Citizens National Bank of Pocomoke City. In politics, he is a Democrat, notably civic-minded. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Crescent Lodge No. 178, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and figures prominently in the Rotary Club of Pocomoke. He attends the Baptist Church.

Garland David Bull married Vivian Julia Mariner, who was born in Accomack County, Virginia, daughter of George Washington Mariner and Ella Smith Mariner, both deceased.

**JOHN WESLEY HORNER**, owner of a modern grocery and meat market in Cambridge, Horner's Quality Foods, is active in local affairs and chairman of the better business committee of the Chamber of Commerce. He was elected to the General Assembly of Maryland in 1946, on the Republican ticket, and is a member at the present time.

Mr. Horner was born in Cambridge on September 15, 1904, the son of George W. and Mary (Adams) Horner, both natives of Cambridge and both still living. George W. Horner, who is now retired, was a processor at the Phillips Packing Company. John Wesley Horner attended the local public schools. As a young man he went into the grocery business as a clerk for William H. Leonard and continued with Mr. Leonard until 1942, when he bought him out and since then has operated the business himself. He has a modern store, with groceries and meat market, and an excellent clientele. Mr. Horner takes a keen interest in public affairs, and on January 1, 1947, he took his seat in the Maryland General Assembly to which he had been elected in 1946, and he has served up to the present time during the sessions of that body. He is a member of the Rescue Fire Company of Cambridge and for some time has been its assistant chief. He is a member of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs also to the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce and is chairman of the better business committee of that organization. Mr. Horner makes a hobby of baseball, and he is keenly interested in fishing and sports in general.

He married, on January 16, 1931, Mary Wesley of Dorchester County, the daughter of Ernest and Mae (Todd) Wesley. Mr. and Mrs. Horner have two children: Margaret Edwina and Mary Virginia.

**GEORGE A. THOMPSON, JR.**, became known to the people of Hurlock when he was associated with his father in the lumber and manufacturing concern of George A. Thompson and Sons, Inc. In recent years, he has been engaged, in an executive capacity, in the Hurlock branch of the Continental Can Company.

Mr. Thompson was born in East New Market on May 6, 1884, son of George A. and Olivia (Hearn) Thompson. Before entering the lumber and box business, his father was a farmer, and George, Jr., attended the public schools of East New Market, and later Goldey Business College. His first position was in the office of the W. M. Bergand Lumber Company in Baltimore, where he remained two years. Another two years were spent in the employ of the Carolina Portland Cement Company in Atlanta, Georgia. He then returned to Hurlock and engaged in the lumber and box business with his father and brother, the firm name being George A. Thompson and Sons, Inc. They were engaged in saw milling and the manufacture of building lumber and boxes. This business continued for twenty years. Mr. Thompson then served as postmaster of Hurlock for seven years, and in 1944 associated himself with the Continental Can Company, Hurlock branch, where he has remained since, being in charge of industrial relations, and of the plant's purchasing department.

A member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Thompson is Past Master of the Chop-tank Lodge No. 138, East New Market. He likes active recreations, such as baseball and hunting. He worships at the Episcopal Church, of which he is treasurer. In politics, he is a Democrat.

George A. Thompson, Jr., married, on January 17, 1912, Roxy Hackett of Dorchester County. They have become the parents of seven children: Olivia, Virginia, Estelle, June H., George A., III, James P., and Mitchell.

**EARLE B. WOOD** is cashier of the Liberty Bank in Easton, a position to which he rose steadily on evidence of his abilities and application. He has been active in the service of his community.

His father, Walter B. Wood, was chief of police in Easton, and married Eliza Russ, also of that city. Both parents are still living. Their son, Earle B. Wood, was born June 11, 1906. After completion of his education in the public schools of Easton, he accepted as his first job the management of a filling station. He was interested in banking, however, and soon his opportunity came. In March, 1928, he entered the Liberty Bank as a clerk. He became assistant cashier in 1932, and was advanced to cashier as of January 1, 1948.

Mr. Wood was formerly, for a three-year period, election supervisor of Talbot County. He is loyal to the cause of the Democratic party. In the service of his community he has taken part in American Red Cross drives and other fund-raising campaigns, and he is an honorary member of the Volunteer Fire Department. He is a director of the Business Men's Association and a member of the Lions Club. His church is the Christ Episcopal which he serves as



deputy warden. Mr. Wood enjoys baseball as a hobby, and when games are held may often be found at the local baseball park, selling tickets.

Earle B. Wood married Frances Ellen Moore, of Cambridge, on January 28, 1933. They are the parents of four children: 1. Suzanne, attending Easton High School. 2. Earle B., Jr., attending local schools. 3. Marvin L. 4. Walter Donald.

**ISAAC THOMAS TYLER**—A prominent business executive of Crisfield, Isaac Thomas Tyler has long been active in the sea food industry of this region. Through his business efforts, both independently and in partnership with others, he has aided significantly in the growth of Crisfield and has gained the respect and esteem of many close personal friends.

Mr. Tyler was born December 31, 1885, at Crisfield, son of Thomas B. and Nancy J. (Lawson) Tyler. The elder Mr. Tyler, a native of Crisfield, gained prominence in this community and was active in the work of the Republican party. Isaac Tyler received his early education in the elementary schools of Crisfield. After completing his preliminary education, he entered the Crisfield High School, where he finished his formal education.

Mr. Tyler gained an intimate knowledge of the fundamentals of the sea food products industry when he became associated with Edward Marshall and Lewis Christy, prominent members of the community. After a period of time he found a change in employment advisable and joined the Tyler Creek Oyster Company, where he remained two years, until 1907. Five years later, in 1912, he had become so well acquainted with the sea food packing business that he went into business with his brother, Mark V. Tyler, in an enterprise known as the I. T. Tyler Company. After three years of successful operation Mark Tyler discontinued his association with the thriving establishment and Isaac Tyler continued on his own. Soon, however, he formed another partnership, this time with Christy Byrd, and the business continued to flourish under the name of Tyler and Byrd. For a short interval before 1925, Mr. Tyler was again doing business as an independent operator, but, at that time, he joined forces with W. J. Adams in a sea food packing business which continued to gain an excellent reputation for efficiency and quality of product. On April 1, 1945, after twenty years of successful association with Mr. Adams, he again established his own enterprise. On May 2, 1949, he sold the I. T. Tyler Company to G. Clifford Byrd.

In addition to his business interests, which keep him extremely busy, Mr. Tyler is actively engaged in the work of the Crisfield Sea Food Packers Association. He is alert to political activity on both a local and national scale and votes independently, as his conscience dictates. In religious faith he is a Methodist and he attends the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church.

On October 10, 1912, at Crisfield, Isaac Thomas Tyler married Carrie Maddox, daughter of Robert H. and Elizabeth (Johnson) Maddox. Mrs. Tyler was born near Crisfield. Isaac Thomas and Carrie (Maddox) Tyler became the parents of the following children: 1. Helen C., who was born in Crisfield, and was married to Thomas O. Landon; to them was born one child, Thomas O. Landon, Jr., on January 5, 1945, at Crisfield. 2. Edna Jane, who was also born at Crisfield.

**EDWARD TURNER**, state's attorney for Queen Anne's County, was born August 15, 1915, at Centreville, the son of Bedford Hackett Turner, Sr. He attended the Centreville public schools, and, in 1934, was graduated from Centreville High School, where he had been a member of the baseball, soccer, and track teams. He then entered Washington College, where he was a student for three years. In 1937 he began work in the legal division of the Federal Housing Administration, studying law at night in the Washington College of Law, from which he graduated, in 1941, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

In September, 1941, after being admitted to the Maryland bar, he returned to Centreville, where he became associated with Judge William R. Horney and B. Hackett Turner, Jr., in the practice of law. In April, 1942, he enlisted in the United States Navy, in which he was commissioned ensign and assigned to Naval Intelligence, being trained at Pearl Harbor, the Pacific Fleet Headquarters. He served on Kwajalein, Midway, Guam, at Iwo Jima, and in Japan, being retired from active service to the Naval Reserve Corps with the rank of lieutenant senior grade at the end of World War II.

Mr. Turner is a member of the American Legion and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. After returning to civilian life, he formed a partnership with his brother B. Hackett Turner, Jr., with whom he had practiced before World War II, handling legal business under the firm name of Turner & Turner, with offices in Centreville. On June 24, 1946, he was elected to the office of state's attorney for Queen Anne's County, which he holds at the present time. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and belongs to the county and state bar associations.

**BEDFORD HACKETT TURNER, JR.**—Since his return to civilian life after World War II, in which he had a brilliant career, Bedford Hackett Turner, Jr., has resumed his law practice in Centreville, where he is in partnership with his brother Edward Turner, under the firm name of Turner & Turner.

Bedford Hackett Turner, Jr., was born in Centreville on November 19, 1908, the son of Bedford Hackett Turner, Sr. He attended the Centreville public schools, graduating from Centreville High School in 1928. While a high school student he played on the baseball and soccer teams, and during the summers worked in the local canneries. After graduating from high school, he entered Washington College, where he studied for two years, taking an active part in the Literary Society there. In 1930 Mr. Turner went to Washington, D. C., to work in the legal division of the Library of Congress during the day and study law at night. He studied first at the George Washington University College of Law and later at the Washington College of Law, from which he graduated in 1937, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. After being admitted to the Maryland bar, he began the practice of his profession in Centreville in 1938. He was later joined by his brother Edward Turner, and in a short time Judge William R. Horney and the two Turner brothers formed an association which lasted until Bedford Hackett Turner, Jr., entered the United States Army on March 27, 1941. Prior to entering the armed forces, Mr. Turner had been elected state's attorney for Queen Anne's County, and he had also served as attorney for the town commissioners of Centreville.

Mr. Turner entered the United States Army as a private, trained in Camp Lee, and was assigned to the Headquarters of the Third Service Command in Balti-

more. Later he was sent to War College, Intelligence Section, and after his graduation was assigned to the Headquarters of the United States Army Air Force. He went to the European Theater of Operations to study the effect of strategic bombing on civilian and military life in enemy countries. After his return he continued in active service until February 11, 1946, when he was retired to the Officers Reserve Corps, with the rank of major.

Mr. Turner has since been practicing again in Centreville, associated with his brother Edward, in the law firm of Turner & Turner. He is a member of the county and state bar associations and considered among the most progressive of the younger lawyers on the Eastern Shore. He is an active member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**EDWIN CLYDE WALLS**—One of the leading citizens of Church Hill, Edwin Clyde Walls has distinguished himself as business man, public official, and educator. His outstanding contributions toward the progress of this community have merited the esteem and confidence of many warm personal friends and professional associates.

Mr. Walls was born January 25, 1900, at Price, Queen Anne's County, son of Henry Edwin and Mary (Roe) Walls. The Walls family settled in this region of Maryland prior to the Revolutionary War. Henry Edwin Walls, a native of Queen Anne's County, for many years served on the town council. In his earlier years he engaged extensively in farming operations, and, in 1906, he established the Walls Hardware Store at Church Hill, which he continues to operate. He married Mary Roe, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Edwin Clyde Walls, of further mention. 2. Elizabeth, who passed away at the age of thirteen years.

Edwin Clyde Walls received his early training in the public schools of Chestertown, and, in 1915, he was graduated from the Western Maryland College Preparatory School. He then entered Washington College, but before he could complete the required courses for graduation, the nation was thrust into World War I. He served during the war in the United States Army, and afterwards returned to continue his studies at Washington College. While there he was active in sports, playing football, baseball, and basketball. During the summers he also played semi-professional baseball. He served as president of the senior class at college and, in 1919, he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then studied for a year at the Peirce Business College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He also took courses at the University of Maryland and the University of Virginia, and, in 1926, received the degree of Master of Arts at Columbia University in New York City.

After finishing at the Philadelphia business school, Mr. Walls, in 1920, was appointed principal of the Hill High School, where he remained until 1932, rendering valuable services to this community. At the end of this period he was transferred to the Centreville High School. During the next ten years he remained associated with this educational institution as principal. In 1942, he left his position at Centreville to see service with the United States Army. After his honorable discharge, in 1945, he returned to Church Hill and became co-owner with his father in the elder Mr. Walls' enterprise, the Walls Hardware Store. He has continued in this business since, contributing in large measure toward the remarkable success experienced by the enterprise in recent years.

Mr. Walls has been active in public life. In 1946,

he was elected to membership in the Maryland House of Delegates, and in the past he has twice served on the Church Hill Town Board.

He is active in the life of his community as a member of the American Legion and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In religious affiliation he is a Methodist, and acts as steward in the Methodist Church at Church Hill.

On July 3, 1943, Edwin Clyde Walls married Frances Smith. A native of Church Hill, she was graduated from Maryland State Teachers College at Towson, and taught in public schools for several years.

**HARRY ELLWOOD CLARK**—Now State's Attorney for Talbot County, with headquarters at Easton, Harry Ellwood Clark has been active in a variety of business, civic, and social endeavors on the Eastern Shore since he began the practice of law in 1938. He has frequently taken leadership in projects aimed at the general welfare and is well known for his contributions to cultural programs. He is a veteran of World War II.

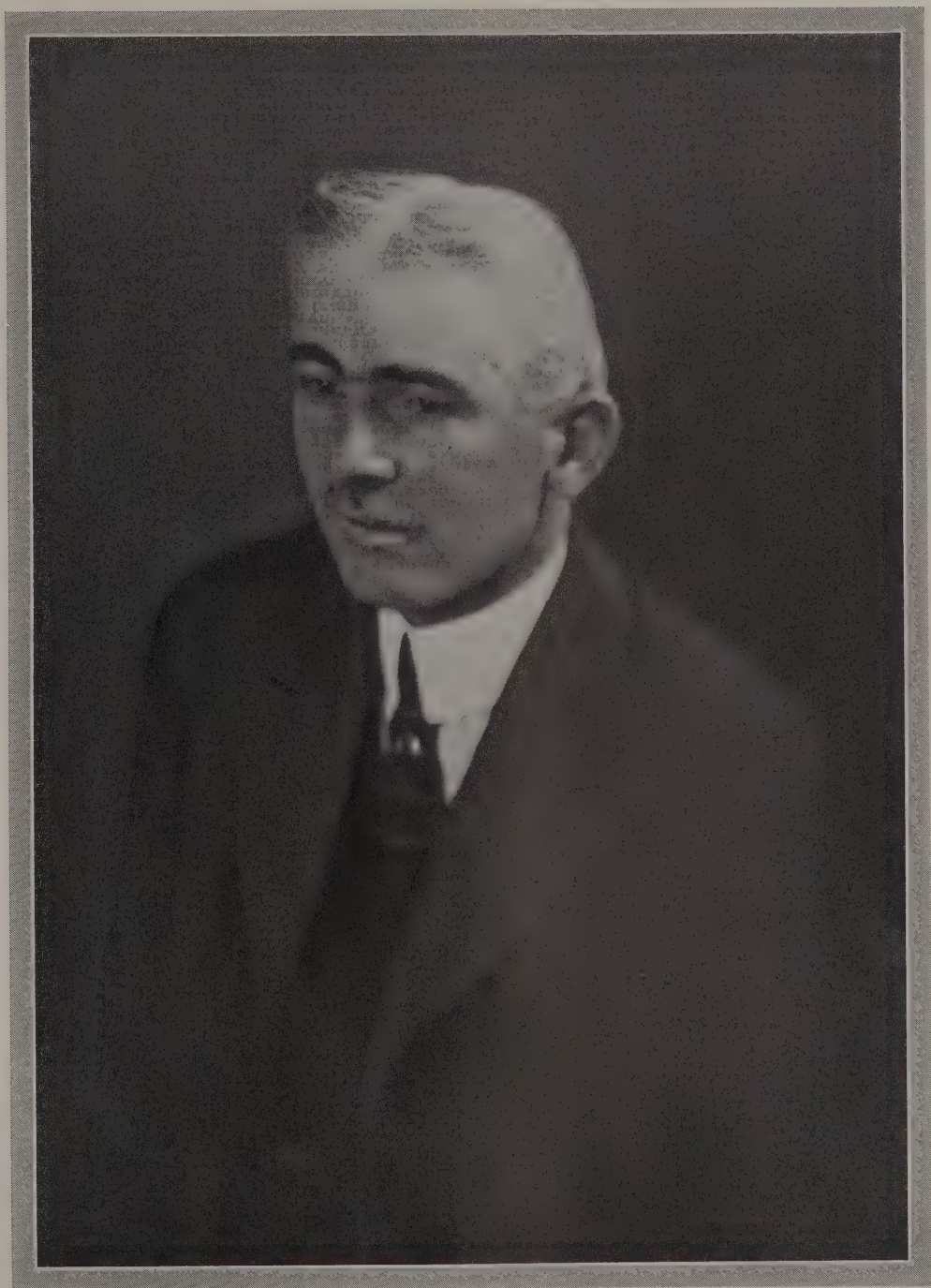
The son of Harry Ellwood, Sr., and Jennie Lynne (Shield) Clark, Harry Ellwood Clark was born in Easton on July 8, 1914. His father, a merchant who was also a native of Talbot County, was the owner of the Easton Motor Company at the time of his death. A biographical sketch of him follows this record. Mrs. Clark is a native of Virginia.

The future State's Attorney received his early education in the elementary and high schools of Easton and Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Virginia, being graduated from the last-named in 1931. For his prelegal studies, Mr. Clark went to the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, from which he was graduated in 1936, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then prepared for the bar in the University of Virginia School of Law, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1938.

Admitted to the Maryland State Bar in 1938, Mr. Clark began the general practice of law at Easton the same year. Until 1942 he was associated with Edward Tyler Miller, the association being broken when both men entered the service. Commissioned an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve on December 1, 1942, Mr. Clark served until January 3, 1946. In that period he rose to lieutenant senior grade. He participated in operations in the North Atlantic Theater of War, the Central Pacific, and in Japan, as commander of mine sweepers. He took part in the sweep of the East China Sea and Ise Wan, the approach to the harbor of Negoya. He is still a member of the Reserve. Upon his return to private practice, Mr. Clark opened independent offices in Easton. On January 6, 1947, he took office as State's Attorney for Talbot County and this post he has continued to fill with increasing distinction. After his father's death Mr. Clark operated the Easton Motor Company for a time.

His interest in civic affairs led him to participate in the organization of the Lions Club of Easton, of which he is a charter member and the first president. He held the presidential office for two terms. He is also active in the Talbot Country Club; Easton Lodge No. 1622, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Easton Post No. 70, American Legion, and is a member of Theta Delta Chi, national college social fraternity. He is a member of the Easton Players, a popular dramatic group, and belongs to the Talbot County and the Maryland State bar associa-





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tions. In politics, he is a Democrat. Mr. Clark's recreations are golf, fishing, and hunting. He worships in Christ Episcopal Church at Easton.

On February 8, 1941, Harry Ellwood Clark married Ellen Chaffinch, of Denton. She is the daughter of J. Roland and Lenore (Greenley) Chaffinch. One daughter, Anne Shield Clark, was born to the marriage, on September 18, 1944.

**HARRY ELLWOOD CLARK, SR.**, was born on October 26, 1874, on the Wooters' Farm in the Chapel Election District of Talbot County. He and his younger brother, Charles Avery Clark, were the only children of Thomas Avery Clark and Georgetown Covey Clark.

Mr. Clark moved to Easton, Maryland, when he was sixteen years old and entered the employ of Nevius & Frampton, who were also hardware merchants, and remained in their employ until he organized his own business, known as the Clark Hardware Company, with stores on Washington Street on the site now occupied by the Easton Theatre. Mr. Clark built up a very successful business here, specializing in the sale and repair of farm machinery and equipment. However, when the automobile appeared on the American scene he was quick to sense its future and became one of the first men to go into the automobile business on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. As a matter of fact, he brought down from the city and sold the first Ford automobile ever to come to the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Soon after he began to stock automobiles for sale, he liquidated his hardware business and devoted his efforts entirely to the automobile business, in which he continued until he died on April 17, 1940. When the liquidation of the hardware business had been completed, he moved his automobile business to a larger and more convenient site in the building now owned and occupied by Dr. William D. Hill on Dover Street. He operated this business as a sole proprietorship, under the trade name The Easton Motor Sales Company, until 1930, when he incorporated this business and traded under the corporate name, The Easton Motor Company. About 1919, Mr. Clark found it again necessary due to the rapid growth of his business, to move it to larger quarters, so he purchased the Bateman property on Dover Street and constructed thereon what was then the largest garage on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. This site is now occupied by the Gulf Oil Company and the Bennett Motor Company.

Mr. Clark was greatly interested in the welfare of Talbot County and of the Town of Easton. He served as president of the Easton Utilities Commission and was a charter member of the Talbot Country Club, realizing that such an institution would be very helpful to Talbot County. He joined the Knights of Pythias and was a member of this fraternal group for forty years. To him, life was a fine thing, a thing of essential dignity. His high business ethics made people trust him absolutely. It was said of him that he knew as much about credit as any man in Talbot County; which together with his excellent business judgment made him much appreciated as a director of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Easton, which position he occupied until his death. Harry E. Clark was a keen judge of men and a real business man without avarice, though there was far more behind his advice than indifference to money. He was an actively generous man and a man who dared to

have strong convictions and carry them into the market place. He lived in the faith that honest business dealings was a practicable and workable principle. Perhaps one of the most amazing things about his business career was the fact that he financed all of his customers' paper through his own bank over his own signature, thereby personally assuming any credit losses sustained by his company and saving its patrons thousands of dollars in finance charges. Business in Easton was indeed a gainer due to the fact that Harry E. Clark lived and worked there. In his long business career he came in contact with thousands and in that way became close to many hearts and homes. His greatest hobby was farming and summering at Plaindealing, an historic old Talbot County estate situated near the Village of Royal Oak, which he purchased from the Hardcastle family in 1920. He developed Plaindealing into a modern crop and dairy farm whereon he specialized in the breeding of purebred Ayrshire cattle and Hampshire hogs. It is believed that he introduced these two breeds into Talbot County, and it is certain that he did much to popularize the production of Hampshire hogs through this section. Such well-rounded personalities are rare and Easton and Talbot County have greatly missed him. Much more might be said of him and his life. It was long, pleasant and fruitful—an example that might well be followed by the younger generation.

Mr. Clark married Jennie Lynne Shield at Baltimore, on January 21, 1913, and have two sons: Harry Ellwood Clark, Jr., born July 8, 1914, at Easton; and Richard Clark, born December 11, 1921, at Easton.

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**CHARLES EDWARD BROHAWN**—At the age when most young men still have important decisions to make regarding their vocations, Charles Brohawn was already launched in the contracting business in his own name. This business, established in Cambridge, has continued successfully to the present, and the most conspicuous physical changes brought about in this city have been the work of Charles E. Brohawn and Brothers. In addition, Mr. Brohawn has served his community in posts of civic responsibility.

His parents were Samuel and Katherine (Kerr) Brohawn, of Dorchester County. His father was a carpenter. Born in Salem, October 9, 1885, Charles Brohawn attended the local public schools through the fifth grade. At the age of eleven, however, he left school and began to learn the carpenter's trade. After serving his apprenticeship, he worked with his father until the age of twenty, by which time he was ready to go into business for himself as a contractor and builder. The undertaking prospered well, and he directed it individually until 1922, when his two brothers, Samuel M., and Mace, joined him. It has continued since that time as Charles E. Brohawn and Brothers.

As a consequence of its continued growth, this firm has done more commercial building in Cambridge than all other concerns combined. Some of the more important of its completed projects are the city hall, the Eastern Shore State Hospital, a million-dollar project of the Chrysler Corporation, and a majority of the store buildings on Main Street. Since 1926, the Brohawn brothers have also operated the Cambridge Brick Company, Incorporated. They also own two sawmills in which rough lumber is processed

from their own timber. To the management of these establishments has also been added that of two farms.

As do his two brothers, Charles Brohawn participates fully in civic affairs. He was for eight years the mayor of Cambridge, elected on the Democratic ticket. For sixteen years he sat on the city council, and was president of the board of county commissioners for a period of four years. He is a past director of the Chamber of Commerce, and is now director of the County Trust Company. A Rotarian, he is a charter member, and past president of this organization in Cambridge.

Mr. Brohawn is affiliated with several Masonic orders. He is a member of Cambridge Lodge Number 66, of the local Royal Arch Chapter, of the Council, and of the Knights Templar Commandery. His church is the Southern Methodist, in which he is a member of the Board of Stewards and a trustee.

Charles Edward Brohawn married, on July 5, 1905, Miss Ada Asplen, of Cambridge. They are the parents of six children: 1. Charles E., Jr., who married Nona Sullivan of Seaford, Delaware; they are the parents of a son, Charles E., III. 2. Philip, married to Jean Spears, of Cambridge; they have one child, Philip. 3. John, who married Charlotte Spears, and is the father of one daughter, Donna. 4. Lee, married to Florence Willey. 5. Beatrice, who is the wife of Crawford Murphy and the mother of four children: Joan Crawford, Neal and Barry and another new baby. 6. Virginia, who married William Wise; they have two children, William and Virginia.

**SAMUEL MERRITT BROHAWN** is prominent in construction work in Cambridge as a member of the firm of Charles E. Brohawn & Brothers, Inc., and also has to his credit extensive participation in civic and political affairs.

Mr. Brohawn was born April 27, 1895 in Cambridge, and was the son of Samuel and Katherine (Kerr) Brohawn. His father and older brother were engaged in carpentry, and after his public school education, Samuel Brohawn joined them, learning the trade. He worked for his father, and later joined his brother, Charles E. Brohawn (q. v.). In 1922 he became a member of the firm of Charles E. Brohawn & Brothers, Inc., and has been associated with this organization ever since, as well as with the Cambridge Brick Company and with the two sawmills and two farms which are a part of its holdings. He is a director of the Peoples Loan, Savings, and Deposit Bank.

Long active in Democratic politics in his home community, Samuel Brohawn was elected delegate to the state legislature, serving from 1933 to 1937. He continues service to his city through membership in the Chamber of Commerce. He is a Lion and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His church is the Grace Methodist Episcopal.

Mr. Brohawn's hobby is bees. He has an apiary containing over twenty hives. A related interest is in wild life; and he has in addition a fine collection of firearms and other weapons.

In Cambridge, on June 8, 1915, Samuel Brohawn married Hazel E. Adams, who was the daughter of Captain Archibald Adams, a seafaring man all his life. Their children are: 1. William Frederick, who graduated from the local schools and continued his education with correspondence courses, becoming a teacher of manual arts in the Cambridge High School; he married Kathleen Bradley of Cambridge, and they are the parents of two children, William and Cynthia. 2. Annalie,

who married Thomas Maguire, Jr., and is the mother of two children, Nancy and Thomas. 3. James Willard, who graduated from the local schools and is now working with his father.

**JOHN MACE BROHAWN**—A native and lifelong resident of Cambridge, Dorchester County, John Mace Brohawn is one of the three brothers who in partnership rank exceptionally high in the construction business and in contributions to the physical development of several communities. Like the other brothers he has followed to a certain degree in the footsteps of his father, who taught them to be expert carpenters before branching out on their own in the building contract field.

Mr. Brohawn was born in Cambridge, Maryland, on March 1, 1898, son of Samuel and Katherine (Kerr) Brohawn. As already indicated, he learned the carpenter's trade under the instruction of the older man, and as a young man joined his brother Charles Edgar in the firm that, with the addition of another brother, Samuel Merritt, became known as Charles E. Brohawn and Brothers. This concern is reputed to have done more commercial construction in Cambridge than all other similar firms combined. Numbered among their buildings are the Eastern Shore State Hospital, a million dollar project of the Chrysler Corporation, the City Hall, and the larger part of the stores on Main Street. Brohawn and Brothers go to sources or operate companies to obtain the material used with the least cost possible. In this connection they run two saw mills where lumber, mainly in the rough, is produced. Since 1926 they have operated the Cambridge Brick Company, Inc., and two farms come within the scope of their management.

Despite the numerous demands upon his time and attention, John Mace Brohawn takes a keen interest in public affairs, the promotion of the progress of the municipality, and is generous in his support of religious and humanitarian organizations. He was chosen president of the Cambridge Rotary Club in 1948. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Cambridge, serves on the Board of Governors of the Eastern Shore State Hospital, and fraternally is affiliated with the Cambridge Lodge, No. 66, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a Democrat in political connections, and is constantly to the fore in enterprises undertaken by the community, especially those identified with the raising of funds for worthy purposes. Mr. Brohawn is of the Methodist faith, a trustee of Zion Church, and is a former president of the Baraca Class of Grace Church, both of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. He enjoys singing, and possesses an excellent voice.

On June 9, 1920, John Mace Brohawn married Mary Eleanor Neal, of Cambridge, daughter of Outerbridge H. and Margaret (Walker) Neal. Her mother and father are deceased, her father living to the age of ninety-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Brohawn are the parents of two children: 1. Mary Mace, a graduate of local schools, who married Leonard Webster; they have one daughter: Patricia Gay. 2. Margaret, a graduate of local schools, who married Jack Masden, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is the mother of two daughters, Carol and Deborah Lynn.

**CARROLL EDWARD BOUNDS**—One of the outstanding lawyers in Salisbury, Carroll Edward Bounds of the firm of Woodcock, Webb, Bounds & Travers is well known in all the courts throughout







the state of Maryland, as well as on the Eastern Shore.

He was born June 8, 1898 in Somerset County, the son of Edward Gillis and Mary (Pusey) Bounds, both now deceased. His father was a farmer and a lumber dealer in Somerset County.

Carroll Edward Bounds attended elementary and high school in Wicomico County, after which he became a student at Washington College. On completing his courses there, he entered the Law School of the University of Maryland, graduating there in the class of 1919, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar in 1925, and became associated with the firm of Woodcock & Webb, as it was then designated. Mr. Bounds has been associated ever since with this law firm, which now does business under the firm name of Woodcock, Webb, Bounds & Travers. He is known throughout the region as a very capable lawyer and is well qualified to practice in any court in the land. In his political affiliations Mr. Bounds is a Democrat. He is a member of the Trinity Methodist Church of Salisbury. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club of Salisbury.

He married in Baltimore County on April 20, 1929, Irene Smith, the daughter of Francis E. and Ida L. (Goslee) Smith. Her father was a farmer at Allen, in Wicomico County. Carroll Edward and Irene (Smith) Bounds are the parents of one daughter, Mary Emily, born September 16, 1930, at Salisbury.

**WILLIS C. HALL**—One of the most successful farmers of the Eastern Shore is Willis C. Hall, whose extensive holdings in Worcester County, near Pocomoke City, have been continuously augmented and developed into a prosperous farm known as the Cedar Hall Farm. A man of enterprising nature, he has not been satisfied with agricultural achievements alone, but operates, in addition, a canning factory and a broiler plant. Mr. Hall holds office in a number of local organizations, and is highly respected among the citizens of the Eastern Shore generally.

Willis C. Hall was born in Shelltown, Maryland, which is located in Somerset County, on June 8, 1900. His father, John Thomas Hall, born in Rehobeth on July 28, 1875, followed the occupation of farmer, being for some years associated with his son. He is still living. He married Amanda Lee Stephens, who was born in Crisfield, in 1879, and who died November 14, 1944.

Willis C. Hall attended and graduated from the Union School of Somerset County. He was associated for a while thereafter with his father in farming in Somerset County, and was then, for two years, engaged in commercial enterprises, being a department manager for the Crown Cork and Seal Company in Baltimore. In 1920 his father, John Thomas Hall, purchased a farm in Worcester County known as Wilson Stock Farm, and Willis C. Hall was associated with him there until 1924, the year of his marriage. He then occupied a farm adjoining that of his father, which he managed for twelve years, after which he purchased the first of the farms he was to own, a part of Beverly Farm consisting of one hundred and twenty acres on the Pocomoke River. One year later, Willis Hall purchased an additional four hundred and eighty acres, which he named Cedar Hall Farm. This is the location of his present home site, a house reputed to be over a century old. Mr. Hall continued to extend his holdings, purchasing next the adjoining farm known as the Tilghman Farm, en-

compassing one hundred and thirty-five acres. His next purchase was the Henderson Farm of one hundred and sixty acres. Mr. Hall then bought land connecting the two abovementioned farms, on which stands a country store and a dwelling. He later purchased the farm adjoining the former Henderson property, a sizable parcel of one hundred and eighty-five acres known as the Merrill Farm. The total of these holdings is one thousand and eighty acres, but Mr. Hall also cultivates an additional acreage, bringing the total area under his management to over twelve hundred acres.

About seventy acres, Mr. Hall devotes to the growing of strawberries, and he also has seven hundred acres of beans, which produce a double crop each year. In addition, two hundred and fifty acres are devoted to tomatoes, one hundred to corn, and one hundred to small grains, some of which are grown on leased farms. In the peak production season, Mr. Hall employs three hundred and fifty persons.

In 1946, Willis Hall purchased a factory for the canning of tomatoes. He also owns and operates a broiler plant with a capacity of thirty thousand chicks.

Mr. Hall is president of the New Salisbury production Credit Association, a director of the Worcester County Labor Board, and is connected with the Maryland State Employment Service. A Democrat in his politics, he serves his party as treasurer of the state central committee. He is a member of the Farm Bureau, the Worcester County Sportsmen's Club, and the Lions Club of Pocomoke City. Active in his membership in the First Baptist Church, he has for many years been president of the men's Bible class of that congregation.

On November 27, 1924, Willis C. Hall married Mary Virginia Conaway of Snow Hill, daughter of Henry Clay and Mary Elizabeth (Brittingham) Conaway. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have become the parents of five children: 1. Mary Lee, who married Albert M. Bailey. They have a daughter, Linda, and a son, Albert Wayne. 2. Edgar Allen, who married Ruth Hickman. They have a daughter, Faith. 3. Willard Dale, now associated with his father in farming, and in the canning enterprise. 4. Willis Henry, born February 16, 1931, a graduate of Pocomoke City High School in the class of 1948. 5. James Donald. The post office address of Cedar Hall Farm is Pocomoke City.

**GEORGE HENRY TRUITT**—For a number of years George Henry Truitt has been active as a farmer, dairyman, sawmill operator, and miller at Snow Hill and in Worcester County. His expert business judgment and integrity have merited the esteem of his many friends and business colleagues.

Mr. Truitt was born February 9, 1904, at Snow Hill, son of John Henry and Iona Charlotte (Hancock) Truitt. His father, a native of Pittsfield, was born July 4, 1861, and passed away in 1939. He was a farmer by occupation, and voted the Republican ticket. The mother was born at Pocomoke City, August 12, 1870.

George Truitt received his formal training in the public schools of Worcester County, and then continued to work on his father's farm near Snow Hill until he was twenty years of age. At that time he began farming for himself on a stake of land consisting of one hundred and thirty-six acres. He owned thirty Guernsey cows, and with these he entered the



ber 25, 1913. 3. Fulton K., who was born February 27, 1915. 4. Mary Bell, born April 5, 1920. 5. Ruth Barbara, who was born August 6, 1922.

**BEN T. TRUITT**—An important business man of Snow Hill, Ben T. Truitt for many years has carried on a successful fertilizer enterprise. His high positions in the Worcester Fertilizer Company have marked him as a man of responsibility and ability.

Mr. Truitt was born January 9, 1898, at Snow Hill, Maryland, son of Benjamin T. and Sallie (Fooks) Truitt. His father, prominent as a farmer and merchant, was born May 12, 1860, and died October 20, 1930. The elder Mr. Truitt was an energetic member of the Democratic party. The mother, a native of Snow Hill, was born June 7, 1859.

Ben Truitt received his early education in the public schools of Snow Hill, and was graduated from high school there in 1915. He then entered Johns Hopkins University and received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1919.

After completing his formal education, Mr. Truitt became associated with the Worcester Fertilizer Company, of Snow Hill. He soon became assistant secretary and assistant treasurer, positions he held for a number of years. Later he was promoted to the ranks of secretary and treasurer of the firm. He has served in these capacities down through the years, becoming ever more valuable in many ways. The company, which specializes in the manufacture of fertilizer, handles insecticides, seeds, feeds and lime. It has experienced a substantial growth and now has between fifty and sixty employees. As secretary and treasurer, Mr. Truitt has played a leading role in this expansion.

In addition to this business interest, Mr. Truitt is actively engaged in the work of prominent civic and fraternal organizations. He is a charter member of the Rotary Club, and is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. During the first World War, he took military training at Johns Hopkins University. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and in religious faith he adheres to the Methodist Church.

On October 22, 1927, at Trappe in Talbot County, Ben T. Truitt married Leah Griffin Collins, daughter of William and Elsie (Martin) Collins. Her parents were both natives of Trappe, and she herself was born there. Mr. and Mrs. Truitt became the parents of the following children: 1. William Bond, who was born April 22, 1931. 2. Dewitt Fooks, who was born December 26, 1935. Both children were born at Snow Hill.

**EDWARD JAMES WAINWRIGHT**—A leader in the contracting and building field on the Eastern Shore, producing a home every two weeks for a brisk market which is changing the aspect of many Eastern Shore areas, is Edward James Wainwright of Parsonsburg, Maryland. Beginning as a carpenter in 1937, Mr. Wainwright has brought to his chosen occupation initiative and progressive qualities which have made him a significant influence in that field.

One of the youngest of the successful operators in construction work in his locality, Mr. Wainwright was born January 21, 1922, at Berlin, in Worcester County. He is a son of Homer Edward and Mary Katie Wainwright, and his father also is a carpenter and contractor. Edward James Wainwright obtained his education at Mount Hermon School in Wicomico

County. He started his career in construction work with his father in 1937, working as carpenter at twenty-five cents an hour. Together they built approximately five houses per year during that period; and, from 1937 through 1941, constructed poultry houses of one-half million capacity throughout the Eastern Shore area of Delaware and Maryland, where this type of building is most vital. In 1942, when the United States was engaged in World War II, Mr. Wainwright worked at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland, and in the latter part of that year went to Bainbridge Naval Base.

After the termination of the war, Mr. Wainwright resumed private building projects, and, quickly adapting to peacetime conditions, built the first six houses in the new development known as Chesapeake Heights, near Salisbury. This project, completed in 1946, was one of the first units in the extensive housing developments which have helped to answer the great need for living quarters engendered by postwar conditions. Mr. Wainwright had served during World War II as a member of the United States Infantry, entering service in July, 1945, and taking his infantry training at Camp Blanding, Florida. He then joined Company A, 196th Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, and served in the Asiatic-Pacific theater, being awarded the theater ribbon for participation in action there.

In his present prosperous enterprise, Mr. Wainwright is producing a new home every two weeks, an excellent record achieved without sacrifice of quality, and adhering to the best modern construction practices. He is a member of the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church near Parsonsburg.

At Princess Anne, Maryland, June 29, 1940, Edward James Wainwright married Gladys Elizabeth Livingston, daughter of Lee Roy Anthony and Antoinette (Brown) Livingston. Mr. and Mrs. Wainwright are the parents of three children: 1. Gladys Jean, born May 4, 1941. 2. Shirley Elizabeth, born March 23, 1943. 3. Edward James, Jr., born June 6, 1947.

**MATILDA BROWN KEATING**, who is the librarian of the Queen Anne's County Free Library in Centreville, is a woman well qualified for her post, both by reason of her educational preparation, and her earnest devotion of her career to the librarian's calling. This Eastern Shore community is indeed fortunate to have the advantages of her service.

Miss Keating is a native of Centreville, where she was born in 1881, daughter of William Devereux and Elizabeth Frances Keating. Miss Keating's father was a merchant, engaging in his latter years in the occupation of farming. After completing her secondary education at Miss Amanda Pratt's Private School, Matilda Keating continued at Centreville Female Academy, there taking courses which prepared her for her profession. Her career as librarian dates from 1913, and she has been associated for many years with the Queen Anne's County Free Library, in her native town of Centreville.

Miss Keating is a Democrat in her political affiliation. She belongs to the Woman's Club of Centreville, the Maryland Historical Society of Baltimore, and is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

**DUNCAN LEVERTON NOBLE**—A native and lifelong citizen of Taylor's Island, Duncan Leverton Noble has been identified prominently over a long period with a wide variety of phases of its life and affairs. While it is true that acquiring an education and military service took him elsewhere, nevertheless he



*Edward J. Wainwright*





has remained always a Taylors Islander, one who is an authority on its annals and families, and likewise on the history of Dorchester County and the Eastern Shore. He has served his community in community offices without being a politician, and is associated with organizations and community projects without any desire for the limelight or public acclaim.

Duncan Leverton Noble was born on Taylors Island, on February 25, 1878, the son of Dr. Jacob Leverton and Manie Eugenia (Travers) Noble, and the maternal grandson of Judge Levi D. and Eliza Jane Travers. Dr. Noble was an educator for one year, as principal of the Preston Academy, and held a position in the Pension Department of the United States Government, stationed in Indianapolis, Indiana, for two years. But he was most respected and beloved for thirty-five years of ministering to the people of Dorchester and Caroline counties, as physician and surgeon, prior to his death at Preston, in 1913.

Dr. Noble enjoyed the pleasure of seeing his son well established in Taylors Island before his passing. He influenced his son to acquire a sound education, which he did as a student in Caroline and Dorchester county schools, and the Randolph-Macon Academy at Bedford City, Virginia. Duncan Leverton Noble returned to Taylors Island from the Old Dominion State to engage in various activities which have included among others, lumber manufacturing, real estate and insurance, and, for the past four decades, agriculture in the Eastern Shore tradition at "Elysian Fields," on Slaughter Creek, Taylors Island, where he now resides.

Mr. Noble is a Democrat of long standing, influential in party councils, but not politically ambitious. However, he has served, and valuably, as Judge of Elections for a number of years. He took the government census of No. 4 District, Dorchester County, in 1901; was one of the general assessors of property in Church Creek, Madison, and Taylors Island districts in 1910; and was assessor of Taylors Island district in 1915. Along military lines, Mr. Noble was a member of the Maryland National Guard Naval Reserves for three years. He took the first World War census and served as registrar for the draft in No. 4 district, Dorchester County, and, during World War II, was chief observer for the Army Air Force Ground Observer Corps, Post "King No. 601," giving fifteen hundred voluntary hours. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Noble is keenly interested in historical and genealogical research, and has spent much time in the study of the early history of Dorchester County, especially the history of its churches. The genealogies of the families in this locality also claim his attention.

On November 25, 1914, at Bethlehem Methodist Church, Taylors Island, Duncan Leverton Noble married Adele Keene Bosley, daughter of John Hooper and Charlotte Adele (Keene) Bosley, her father a former state senator from Dorchester County. Mr. and Mrs. Noble are the parents of a daughter: Jean Bosley, who married William J. Harrington, and is the mother of a son: William Emerson Harrington.

**WILLIAM GROSCUP JONES**—With most of the worthwhile projects and important organizations of Centreville, William Groscup Jones is identified as a progressive citizen and promoter of the best interests of the community, of which he has been a resident for a decade. Associated with the E. S. Adkins and Com-

pany, Inc., for a quarter of a century, he has served this large firm in Salisbury and Centreville, currently being the branch manager of the branch in the latter named place.

William Groscup Jones was born in Somerset County, Maryland, on February 15, 1895, son of John S. and Susan Ashton (Ballard) Jones, both of whom are deceased. His father, long connected with the building trades, was born in Somerset County, in 1840, and died June 30, 1918. His mother, a native of Wicomico County, was born in 1866, and died in 1932. Their son was educated in the Somerset County public schools, and the Wicomico County elementary schools, and completed his preparation for a career in the Salisbury Business College, with the class of 1917. In the meanwhile, he had been in the employ of Paul E. Watson, tobacco dealer, from 1912 to 1917, and resumed this connection after World War I service in the United States Army.

In 1923, William G. Jones became associated with the E. S. Adkins and Company, Inc., in Salisbury, and continued this connection until 1938. Since that year he has been manager of the Centreville branch of the corporation, which manufactures and distributes an immense amount of building materials and supplies, being one of the outstanding concerns of its kind in Maryland. Mr. Jones, with able assistants, does an exceptionally good business in his line, has contacts over a wide range of territory, and is popular with the trade.

When the United States entered the first World War, Mr. Jones went into the Army and soon was named a corporal. With Company I, 115th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division, he served overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, taking part in the defense of Verdun, the Meuse Argonne Offensive, the Alsace Sector, and other campaigns. Wounded in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, he received the Purple Heart decoration. Later he was made a second lieutenant in the Maryland National Guard, serving with Company I, 115th Infantry. During World War II, he became a lieutenant colonel in the Maryland State National Guard, commanding the 5th Battalion and serving in that capacity for the duration of the emergency. He was active in the various drives for government loans and funds for the work of the Red Cross and other humanitarian agencies.

An influential Democrat in party councils, Mr. Jones is ambitious only for good government, his only political office being that of city councilman in Salisbury for two terms. He belongs to the American Legion, Jeff Davis Post No. 64, Centreville, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 194, Salisbury. He is county chairman of the Queen Anne's Red Cross Disaster Relief, and co-operates with charitable groups in the town and county. Fraternally, Mr. Jones is affiliated with Wicomico Lodge No. 91, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a past master; and he is a past patron of Wicomico Chapter No. 91, of the Order of the Eastern Star in Salisbury. He is a former president of the Rotary Club, and likewise of the Business Men's Association of Centreville. He figures popularly in the Queen Anne's County Sportsmen's Club, and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On June 12, 1920, at Salisbury, William Groscup Jones married Marian Eleanore Landford. She was born in Somerset County, October 8, 1896, daughter of Marion and Eleanore (Ellis) Landford, both of whom were born in Somerset County and are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of a daughter: Marian Beatrice, born at Salisbury, February 13, 1932.

**JOHN L. SANFORD, JR.**, is a young member of the bar who has begun a promising career in Berlin. Mr. Sanford conducts his own office and has a general practice. He is associated with several bar associations.

His parents, John L. and Mary Jennings (Carroll) Sanford, were natives of Baltimore, and the incentive toward legal practice was perhaps given the younger John L. by his father, who successfully practiced in that city for a number of years. Educated first in the parochial schools of Baltimore, John L., Jr., then enrolled at Loyola High School, where he was a member of the class of 1928. He attended Georgetown University for two years, then Washington College, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1932. He thereafter pursued his law studies at the University of Maryland Law School, which in 1935 granted him the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Mr. Sanford was admitted to the bar of the state of Maryland, October 31, 1935. In launching upon his legal career, he preferred the challenge and the independence of private practice, and has maintained office independently in Berlin throughout the years since admission to the bar. He maintains professional associations through membership in the Maryland and the Worcester County bar associations. Mr. Sanford's religious faith is Roman Catholic.

At Salisbury, August 31, 1929, John L. Sanford, Jr., married Elizabeth D. Davis of Berlin, Maryland, daughter of Henry E. and Mamie (Vincent) Davis.

**CHARLES WESLEY WARD**, a partner with his brother, Raymond Kolyer Ward, in the firm of Z. Ward & Son of Crisfield, packers and shippers of sea food of all varieties, has been in the sea food business for twenty-nine years. Mr. Ward saw service overseas in the United States Army during World War I.

He was born in Crisfield, July 19, 1896, the son of Zack and Minnie Ward, both natives of Crisfield, the former born February 22, 1863, the latter May 22, 1870. His father was the founder of Z. Ward & Company of Crisfield, sea food distributors.

Charles Wesley Ward attended the Crisfield elementary schools and Crisfield High School. During World War I he served in the 115th Infantry, Twenty-ninth Division and later with Base Hospital 58, working as a surgical assistant with the First Army of the American Expeditionary Forces in France and Germany. Upon returning to civilian life he entered the family sea food business and has been associated with the firm of Z. Ward & Son ever since. He is now one of the firm's two partners, the other being his brother Raymond Kolyer Ward. Charles Wesley Ward is a Republican, and fraternally is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Crisfield Sea Food Association, the Crisfield Laboratories Association, the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce and the Somerset Rod and Gun Club. He and his family attend the Asbury Methodist Church.

He married, in Crisfield, November 3, 1932, Addie May Sterling, a native of Crisfield and the daughter of Charles and Florence L. (Lithia) Sterling, both natives of Crisfield. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have one son, Douglas J., born October 3, 1934.

**HENRY ALISON BRIELE**—A young surgeon of Salisbury, Dr. Henry A. Briele located in that city after creditably serving in the United States Army, and has entered practice with Dr. William B. Long.

Born in Wilmington, Delaware, February 19, 1907, Dr. Briele is the son of Henry and Myrtle (Gordy) Briele, his mother being a native of Quantico, Maryland, and his father a manufacturing jeweler, of the third generation, in Baltimore. Dr. Briele attended public school in Baltimore for the first two years and the next four years at Quantico, Maryland, while living on the farm of his maternal grandparents. He returned to Baltimore at the age of thirteen where he finished elementary school and matriculated at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, from which he graduated in 1928. He thereafter enrolled in the Maryland Pharmacy School. As early as 1923 he had been employed in the drug business, and his interest in it had remained. On graduation from the pharmacy school in 1931, he entered into full partnership in a retail drug store located at Park and Madison streets in Baltimore. In 1935, however, his great interest in medicine led him to sell out his share in this enterprise and enter Maryland Medical School. He graduated in 1939, and served two years' internship, thereafter serving as assistant resident in surgery for a total of three more years at the University Hospital.

In July, 1944, Dr. Briele entered the army as a first lieutenant. Serving as plastic surgeon and as executive officer of the plastic section at the Dibble General Hospital in Pasadena for over two years, he was discharged in December, 1946, as a major. Since that date he has been practicing in Salisbury in full partnership with Dr. William B. Long, confining this practice to general surgery. Dr. Briele is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Briele is a member of the Salisbury Rotary Club. He retains membership in his fraternity of medical school days: Nu Sigma Nu. He and his family are members of the Bethesda Methodist Church.

At the Little Church Around the Corner in New York City, June 24, 1932, Dr. Henry Alison Briele married Nina Mae Hastings, a native of Salisbury, Maryland, and a graduate of Temple University. They are the parents of two children, Susan Anne, born November 18, 1942, and Henry Alison, Jr., who was born May 12, 1944.

**JAMES MITCHELL SEWELL**—Operator of a sizable farm on the Eastern Shore, near Sherwood, James M. Sewell, has been successful in the production of varied crops, and of livestock. He is active in the Farm Bureau, and in several co-operatives.

He was born in Wittman, Talbot County, December 19, 1902, son of S. James and Elizabeth (Laird) Sewell. He attended the public schools, and was raised on the farm of his parents, remaining there until 1923, when he began farming for himself in Wittman. After two years there, he moved to another farm one and one-half miles to the south, and managed this property for twelve years. In 1937 he rented Smith Point Farms, which he has operated to date. On its three hundred and fifty acres, Mr. Sewell raises the crops for which the Eastern Shore is famous: wheat, corn and tomatoes. His interest in livestock is confined chiefly to horses, which he raises for chemical purposes.

Mr. Sewell has long been active in the Farm Bureau, and is at present a director of that organization. He is a past director of two co-operative organizations; Southern States Co-op, and a Talbot County Co-op. A member of the Sherwood Methodist Episcopal Church, he is a Democrat in politics.







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*Horace Edward Kelley*

In April, 1923, James Mitchell Sewell married Alice Irene Dulin of Easton. They are the parents of five children: 1. Alice Marie, a graduate of St. Michaels High School and of Easton Memorial Hospital. She is a registered nurse, and is married to Arthur Swartz, Jr. 2. Etta Louise, a graduate of St. Michaels High School, married to James Jesse Miller, and the mother of one child, Michael James. 3. Emily Lee. 4. James Everett. 5. Laura Elizabeth. The three last-named children are attending local schools.

**HORACE EDWARD KELLEY**—One of the outstanding business men of Accomack County is Horace Edward Kelley of New Church. He was born near New Church, July 29, 1887, the son of John William and Margaret Virginia Nock Kelley, both long deceased, and received his education in the public schools of New Church and from private tutors. His father was a farmer and lumber manufacturer, and both Horace Edward Kelley and one of his brothers, John Cleveland Kelley, worked in the business before and after they completed their schooling. Upon their father's death, the two brothers took over the business as a partnership and operated it for approximately five years. The partnership was dissolved and Horace Edward Kelley continued the business, adding the manufacturing of produce packages.

In 1917 Mr. Kelley began the canning of tomatoes and sweet potatoes in what he describes as a "small way." This enterprise has grown steadily through the years, adding green and wax beans, peas, lima beans, tomato juice, and Irish potatoes, and today cans several hundred thousand cases each season, employing as many as a thousand people in the canning plant and on farms where the vegetables are grown. The farm lands aggregate several thousand acres. The canning business is a partnership, H. E. Kelley & Company, formed in 1940, composed of Mr. Kelley, his wife, and three children.

Horace Edward Kelley has always had a keen interest in the growth of his community. He was instrumental in establishing an accredited high school at New Church, and was the president of the Community League for many years. He helped organize the New Church Volunteer Company of which he is the president. He was a charter member and treasurer of the Ruritan Club of Atlantic District. He is vice president and a member of the board of directors of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Onley, Virginia. A leading Democrat, Mr. Kelley has been a member of the Accomack County Democratic Committee since 1928. A descendant of two Baptist families, he is a member of the Chincoteague Baptist Church of New Church of which he has been the Sunday school superintendent, church clerk, and member of board of deacons for the past thirty years. In Masonry, he is a member of Crescent Lodge No. 178, Pocomoke City, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; the Chesapeake Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Baltimore, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Norfolk, Virginia; and is vice president and member of the executive committee of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Shrine Club. He is a member of the Tri-State Packers' Association; vice president of Eastern Shore of Virginia Cannery Association, and a member of board of directors of the National Cannery Association.

In 1913 Mr. Kelley married Eglantine Witham

Horse, daughter of Kensey Custis and Nellie Witham Horse, of New Church. She died in 1918. In 1920 he married Reva May Poulson, daughter of Lorenzo Dall and Elizabeth Smith Poulson, of New Church. By the first marriage there was one daughter, Margaret Virginia Kelley, now Mrs. William Allen Perry. Following her graduation from New Church High School, Mrs. Perry was graduated from the Ward-Belmont School, from Mount Holyoke College with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and from the University of North Carolina with a Master of Arts degree in Sociology. To his second marriage were born a daughter, Hortense Edwina, and a son, Horace Edward, Jr. The former is now the wife of George Crossan Seybolt of Bronxville, New York. She is a graduate of New Church High School, Ward-Belmont School, and the University of North Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Dramatic Art, and did postgraduate work in Political Science at the University of California at Berkeley. Mr. and Mrs. Seybolt are the parents of one daughter, Reva Blanche, born September 29, 1949. Horace Edward Kelley, Jr., was graduated from New Church High School, Riverside Military Academy, and was a student in the School of Commerce of the University of Virginia when World War II began. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps Reserve, and served as a pilot. After the close of the war he returned to the University of Virginia and continued his studies. He is now actively engaged in the canning business of H. E. Kelley & Company of which he is a partner. He married May Gunter Edmonds of Accomack, and they are the parents of Susan Edmonds Kelley, born June 23, 1949.

**LAWRENCE MARYANOV, M.D.**—After professional experience of both military and civilian nature, Dr. Lawrence Maryanov has begun quite auspiciously his general medical practice in Cambridge, has assumed a hospital staff position, and has been elected to the presidency of a local medical organization.

The son of Harry Maryanov, who came to Maryland from New York City, Dr. Maryanov was born June 3, 1912, in Maspeth, New York, and attended the public schools in that place. After completion of his secondary education, he entered Columbia University, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1932. His degree of Doctor of Medicine was granted by the University of Louisville in 1936, after which Dr. Maryanov interned at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. From 1938 to 1940, he conducted a general practice in the three towns of Salisbury, Mardela Springs, and Vienna, situated on the Eastern Shore.

Entering the medical service of the United States Army in 1941, he was stationed in various parts of the country, finally went overseas for three years and then returned to the United States where he was attached to hospitals at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, and Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and to the Veterans Administration Hospital at Coatesville, Pennsylvania. During this period of service he attained the rank of major, and he retains that rank in the Medical Reserve Corps at the present time.

On leaving the Army, Dr. Maryanov took a six months' postgraduate course at the New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital. Completing this course in June, 1946, he came to Cambridge, where he established his general practice with part-time specialty in X-ray. Dr. Maryanov is on the staff of the



Cambridge Hospital, and has been elected president of the Dorchester County Medical Society. Other professional bodies in which he holds membership are the American Medical Association and the Maryland Medical Society.

Dr. Maryanov is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is a Democrat in politics, and belongs to the American Legion and the Rescue Fire Company. He is a communicant of the Christ Episcopal Church.

In December, 1940, Dr. Maryanov married Marjorie Webb, daughter of Edward F. Webb, former superintendent of schools of Allegany County, and former president of Maryland State Teachers College.

**MAX B. MILLER**—Living in retirement at his pleasant estate near Easton, Max B. Miller is among those former executives who on withdrawing from business find contentment in the pleasant surroundings and friendly atmosphere of the Eastern Shore. Mr. Miller's "retirement" is perhaps more strenuous than most, for he has devoted himself successfully to the management of a farm noted for its production of pure-bred cattle.

Mr. Miller, a native of Kokomo, Indiana, and son of John A. and Catherine (Goodwine) Miller, both of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, followed a successful business career which led ultimately to the position of the presidency of his own firm, the Max B. Miller Company, petroleum engineers with offices in New York City.

Coming to the Eastern Shore in 1936, Mr. Miller bought the estate named Locust Grove on Bailey's Neck. Here he has three hundred acres of land and raises pure-bred Aberdeen Angus cattle, likewise raising most of the feed to maintain his herd of sixty to seventy head. He is also conducting an extremely interesting series of experiments in water culture on plants and vegetables.

Locust Grove is a delightful site to the casual visitor as well as to the trained eye of an agriculturist. Mr. Miller's retirement is not one of isolation. He has shared in community activities with an effectiveness which has earned him the respect of all local residents. He is a member of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, the Tred Avon Yacht Club, and the Talbot Country Club, as well as retaining, since his busy days as an executive in New York City, his membership in the New York Athletic Club.

Max B. Miller married Lois Perring, of Bloomfield, Indiana. They are the parents of four children: 1. Max B., Jr., who is married to Catherine Hymes and has four children. 2. Marianna, married to Ludwig Balling. They have two children. 3. Lorayne B., who is married and has two children. 4. Miguette, the wife of James Cox.

**JAMES LEON TODD**, who operates a store in his native town of Harmony and also is engaged in farming there, was born March 10, 1897 in Harmony, Caroline County, the son of G. S. and Cora (Covey) Todd, both natives of Caroline County and both now deceased. His father, who was a farmer, died in 1927.

James Leon Todd attended the local public schools and until he was seventeen helped his father on the farm. Then came a number of years of varied experience. For a year he worked for a plumbing supply company in Wilmington, Delaware, and the following year for the du Pont Company in Carneys Point, New Jersey. Next came a year at farming back in Harmony, then a year in Washington, D. C., with a

railroad company, then a year in Federalsburg with the Eastern Shore Public Service Company, and two years there as the proprietor of a store. Then he spent three years in the trucking business and then returned to Harmony to engage in the merchandising business and also to farm. He sold out, however, and went to New Haven, Connecticut, for a year with Winchester Arms, after which came two years in business in Federalsburg and five years in Trenton, New Jersey, where he was employed by the state. Finally, with this wide range of experience behind him, he came back to Harmony and opened a store, which he is operating at the present time. He later branched out into farming and farms over two hundred acres, and also has a stock farm on which he is raising a beef herd of Angus cattle and also some dairy cows. Mr. Todd raises seventy acres of cucumbers alone. He has been active in real estate on occasion and has built houses as well. In politics, Mr. Todd considers himself an independent Republican, and his religious ties are with the Methodist Church.

He married, on Thanksgiving Day, 1935, Elsie Marquardt of Caroline County, and they have one son, James Leon, Jr., born July 7, 1937, who attends the local public schools and helps his father with the farming.

Mr. Todd's hobbies are swimming and stock raising.

**RONALD R. LANE**, proprietor of Lane's Variety Store of Ridgely, has been in the merchandising business in his native town of Ridgely all his life, and has added numerous lines to the hardware business in which he was engaged in association with his father for many years.

He was born April 8, 1899, in Ridgely, the son of H. W. and Alice (McLeod) Lane, the former a native of Queen Anne's County and the latter of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Mr. Lane's father, the late H. W. Lane, was a contractor and builder and combined this activity with the hardware business. He died in 1933. Mr. Lane's mother is still living.

Ronald R. Lane attended the local elementary school and Ridgely High School, after which he took a commercial course at Goldey Business College. He then went into the hardware business with his father, who had been engaged in the hardware and building trade since 1908, the business being conducted under the firm name of Lane & Long. In 1919, Ronald R. Lane took charge of the hardware end of the business and he has operated this store ever since. Numerous other lines have been added from time to time, and it is now a variety store and does business under the name of Lane's Variety Store. Mr. Lane is a member of the Limited Price Variety Stores Association. A Democrat, he has served on the Ridgely town board. He is a member of the Ridgely Methodist Church, and serves as a trustee and a member of the official church board. Mr. Lane takes a keen interest in all kinds of sports.

He married, in 1936, Helen Haymaker, a native of Philadelphia, who came to Ridgely with her family at the age of two. Mr. and Mrs. Lane have one daughter, Barbara Isabel, a graduate of Ridgely High School and now a student at State Teachers College at Salisbury.

**WILLIAM BREWSTER DEEN** has been practicing law in Caroline County for forty years, and for twenty years he was attorney to the county commission. Mr. Deen has also been actively engaged in







*Geo. O. Chandler*

farming near Denton, and at one time owned as many as thirteen farms. He is president of the Caroline County Bar Association at the present time, and is active in community affairs.

He was born near Andersontown, in Caroline County, May 20, 1883, the son of William H. and Cassie (Willis) Deen, both natives of Caroline County and both now deceased. His father was an enterprising man who, in addition to being a farmer, was a miller, canner, and manufacturer of brooms.

William Brewster Deen attended the local public schools, Dover Academy, and Goldey Business College. For a time he was associated with his father in the canning business. He then studied law in the Medical College of the University of Maryland, where he graduated, in 1907, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the Maryland bar that same year and began to practice in Federalsburg in 1908. After two years there, he came to Denton, in 1910, and has been engaged in practice in Denton ever since. Mr. Deen is a Democrat in his political affiliation. He served for one term as state's attorney and for twenty years as attorney to the county commission of Caroline County, and, during World War II, he served as a member of the selective service board. He was formerly a director of the Farmers & Merchants Bank. At one time Mr. Deen, who has always been keenly interested in farming, owned thirteen farms, but he now confines himself to one dairy farm, where he also raises wheat, corn, and tomatoes. He has been active in the Caroline County Bar Association for many years, and is now serving as president of that organization. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of Temple Lodge No. 128, and also of Edenton Chapter No. 36, Royal Arch Masons; Chesapeake Commandery No. 10; Knights Templar, and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the latter at Baltimore. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He married, on January 3, 1908, Jessie Willis of Caroline County, the daughter of James S. Willis. Mr. and Mrs. Deen are the parents of three children: 1. Victoria C. Deen, who is a graduate of the local schools and attended Washington College. She married Walter Butler, and they have three children: Deen, Walter, Jr., and Barbara Anne. 2. Beatrice, a graduate of the local schools, who attended Washington College. She married George Gray. 3. Alma J., a graduate of the local schools and of Washington College. She married Kenneth Alfather, and they have one child, Kenneth Alfather, Jr. They live in Columbia, South Carolina.

**GEORGE PENDREY CHANDLER**—Like many successful men, George Pendrey Chandler arrived at his present important position by an indirect route. Starting what was to be a career in accountancy, he changed direction when he became a salesman and, in this demanding field of endeavor, found the type of work that could enlist and hold his best efforts. For the past eighteen years he has given his full time and major abilities to the Larmar Corporation of Salisbury.

George Pendrey Chandler was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on August 22, 1890, son of Henry G. and Jane P. Chandler. After completing his formal education and being graduated from the Beacom Business College, of Wilmington, Delaware, he entered the employ of John H. Dulany and Son, of Fruitland,

lumbermen and cannery. He became associated with a large concern when he joined the staff of E. S. Adkins and Company, lumber and builders supplies company, as a bookkeeper. He soon was promoted to salesman for the company and won his laurels. He was sales manager in 1932, when he resigned. Since then Mr. Chandler has given his major attention to the projects of the Larmar Corporation, developers and builders. The Larmar Corporation developed many residential subdivisions in and around Salisbury, has erected many industrial buildings for new businesses wishing to locate in Salisbury, and was very active in developing the East Main Street retail district, as well as other business areas. In civic affairs and local business circles, Mr. Chandler plays his part. He figures prominently in the Salisbury Methodist Episcopal Church of Salisbury.

On June 20, 1918, at Chestertown, Maryland, George Pendrey Chandler married Helen Tabitha Russell, daughter of William Frazier and Allie Elizabeth Russell.

**HUNTER REECE MANN, M.D.**—Practicing obstetrics and general medicine in Salisbury for over a quarter of a century, Dr. Hunter Reece Mann has become widely known in this community, where he has built up an extensive and successful practice.

Dr. Mann was born in Danville, Virginia, April 19, 1889. His father, John P. Mann, was an agent for the Southern Railroad at that place, and served during the Civil War in the forces of the Confederate Army, his outfit being the 17th Cavalry of the 10th Virginia Regiment, which was under the leadership of the famous General J. E. B. ("Jeb") Stewart. Engaged in the Battle of the Wilderness, he was wounded, and lost a leg. He married Josephine Carler.

Beginning his education in the public and high schools of Charlottesville, Virginia, Hunter R. Mann continued at the University of Virginia. There he was enrolled in the college department from 1908 until 1910, and received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from the university's Medical School in the class of 1914.

Dr. Mann served his internship at St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where he spent one year. He then opened an office at Mardela Springs, Maryland, practicing there from 1915 until 1921, when he became associated with Dr. J. McFadden. In Salisbury, in 1923, Dr. Mann opened his own office, and has been conducting a practice in obstetrics and general medicine there ever since.

During the years of World War II, however, he was absent from that community, first serving three months in the United States Army Medical Corps at Camp Green, then being stationed at the Port of Embarkation of New York City for the duration of the war, remaining with the Medical Corps attached to the Fourth Army. He held the rank of Captain.

A member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Dr. Mann is affiliated with the local lodge No. 817. He attends Salisbury Baptist Church.

On April 27, 1918, at Charlottesville, Virginia, Dr. Hunter Reece Mann married Constance A. Vandergrift. She was the daughter of William P. Vandergrift, who was a noted architect of Charlottesville, and his wife, the former Agnes Archer, of Richmond, Virginia. Dr. and Mrs. Mann are the parents of a son, Hunter Reece, Jr., born January 7, 1920.



**JAMES KISLING HOPKINS**—During a long period James Kisling Hopkins, of St. Michaels, Talbot County, has kept pace with the progressive agriculture in the Eastern Shore region of the South. In farming, he has found a vocation that has engaged his best abilities and suited his tastes, one in which he continues to have an open mind to new measures and methods, and at the current writing he is mainly interested in general animal husbandry and food crops.

Mr. Hopkins was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, on November 12, 1880, son of Edwin B. and Anne (Brown) Hopkins. His father has been deceased for some years; his mother, the daughter of a Methodist clergyman, lived to 1947, dying in her ninetieth year. As a boy, James Kisling Hopkins made the acquaintance of summer boarders in the establishment run by his parents. He was only sixteen years old when he started farming in the Shenandoah River section, and so continued until he was thirty-eight years of age, at which time he moved to Washington County near Sharpsburg.

Since 1921, Mr. Hopkins has farmed in Talbot County, where he located at Snellings Delight. To his original seventy-two-acre place he later added one hundred and sixty-two acres, and afterwards purchased another forty-three acres. In general crops he centers the most of his attention on such grains as barley, soy beans, and wheat. Along the line of animal husbandry he is especially interested in increasing his dairy herd of Guernseys. In 1948 he had about five thousand turkeys, and a like number of poultry, New Hampshire Reds. In this agricultural enterprise he is joined by his youngest son, Julian Grove.

The elder Mr. Hopkins is a member of the Farm Bureau and of other farm groups. He is an Independent in politics, without being an office seeker; is active in community life; and attends the Protestant Episcopal Church.

James Kisling Hopkins married Virginia Blackford, of Washington County, daughter of William F. and Emma (Grove) Blackford. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins are the parents of the following children: 1. Margaret Rives, who married Roy Benjamin Young, who is engaged as an assistant superintendent of the coke division of Bethlehem Steel Company, at Sparrow Point. 2. Edwin Brown, who served during World War II, as a bombardier with the rank of master sergeant, United States Army, in the Pacific area; he married Betty Wells, of Colorado. 3. William Blackford, who served in the United States Navy during World War II. 4. James Kisling, Jr., who is engaged as a well driller in Arizona; during World War II, he served in the United States Army, in the European theater. 5. Julian Grove, who is associated in farming interests with his father; he married Anita May Morris of Talbot County, Maryland.

**HARRY CLAY BRADFORD, SR.** of Snow Hill, with his brother, Daniel Hargis Bradford, conducts an automobile agency at Snow Hill, handling Chrysler and Plymouth cars and operating an up-to-date service garage. He is also active in a number of local organizations and takes a keen interest in community affairs.

He was born at Snow Hill on October 4, 1895, the son of Daniel H. and Alice (Sturgis) Bradford,

his father being at first a blacksmith and wheelwright and later a dealer in farm machinery and then in trucks and automobiles.

Henry Clay Bradford attended the elementary schools of Snow Hill and Snow Hill High School. After leaving school he became associated with his father in the blacksmith and wheelwright business in Snow Hill, under the name of D. H. Bradford & Son. In 1910, along with the blacksmith and wheelwright business, they became engaged in the farm machinery business. Five years later, when Mr. Bradford was a young man of twenty, they gave up the blacksmith business and began to handle the International trucks, which were just then beginning to come on the market in large numbers. This was in 1915, and soon afterward they obtained the agency for Hudson automobiles and later the Studebaker and Essex automobiles. In 1927 they secured the agency for Chrysler and Plymouth automobiles, and Mr. Bradford has now been handling these cars for more than twenty years. In 1939 Mr. Bradford's father died, and his brother, Daniel Hargis Bradford, came into the firm. They maintain a completely modern sales and service garage in Snow Hill, where they still operate the Chrysler and Plymouth agency, and carry a line of International trucks.

During World War I, Mr. Bradford enlisted for four years in the United States Navy and served as a mechanic in the Naval Air Corps; he was to sail for France on November 23, 1918, but the war ended on November 11. He received his honorable discharge in 1921. He is a member of the American Legion, and of the Forty and Eight. Fraternally Mr. Bradford is affiliated with Lodge No. 1624 at Pocomoke, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A staunch Democrat, he is a member of the Democratic state central committee. He belongs to the Snow Hill Rotary Club, the Snow Hill Crescent Club, and the Snow Hill Civic Club, and can always be counted upon to support any project for the community welfare. He and his family attend the Snow Hill Methodist Church.

He married at Snow Hill on April 10, 1918, Laura Parsons, the daughter of Charles H. and Lenora (Melson) Parsons, her father being a builder of locomotives for the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Mr. and Mrs. Bradford are the parents of one son, Harry C. Bradford, Jr., born April 11, 1920. He served in the United States Navy in World War II, with a PT patrol squadron. After serving in the Aleutian Islands for twenty-six months he was returned to the San Diego, California, Base, and on October 4, 1945 received his discharge. He married Ruth B. Beauchamp of Pocomoke City, and they have three children: the twins Daniel and Richard Bradford, born August 16, 1945, and Phyllis Ann Bradford, born October 7, 1947.

**HERMAN WEBSTER ENGLISH** conducts a jewelry business in Salisbury, and he is a stockholder in the County Trust Company of Salisbury, with which he was associated for fifteen years in the capacity of assistant cashier, before going into business for himself.

He was born February 24, 1908, at Riverton, the son of Webster Lee and Carrie (Bailey) English, both now deceased. Webster Lee English was engaged in the grocery business, and he was also a farmer at Mardela. He was extremely active in community affairs, held office as clerk of the people's





*Carl J. Williams*



court of Wicomico County for fourteen years and served as county commissioner for eight years.

Herman Webster English attended the elementary school at Mardela and Mardela High School, after which he took a commercial course at the Goldey Business College in Wilmington, Delaware, graduating in 1928. Meantime, however, he had in 1925 become associated with the County Trust Company of Salisbury as assistant cashier, and he held this post for fifteen years, making many friends. He is still associated with the County Trust Company in the capacity of stockholder. In June, 1940, however, he gave up his position in the bank in order to go into the jewelry business for himself. Mr. English is well liked and respected for his honesty by people throughout the Eastern Shore. His store is well equipped, and stocks high-quality merchandise. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and by political affiliation a Democrat.

He married at Mardela on November 25, 1930, Mary Bradley, the daughter of Captain Charles R. and Isabel (Stanbrough) Bradley. The late Captain Charles R. Bradley served during World War I as a Commander in the United States Navy and then became a bay pilot. Mr. and Mrs. English are the parents of one daughter, Charlotte Lee English.

**MRS. ELIZABETH B. PILCHARD**—Well-known in Snow Hill for her work as an accountant with E. L. McCabe, Jr., and Company, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Pilchard has won the confidence and esteem of her many close friends and business acquaintances.

Mrs. Pilchard was born October 6, 1922, at Snow Hill, Maryland. She attended the local public schools of her native town, and was graduated from high school there.

Her first position after completing her formal training was as bookkeeper with the W. T. Onley Company at Girdletree, Maryland. She remained here for a considerable period of time rendering valuable services in her capacity of bookkeeper and junior accountant. In 1944 she decided to make a change and came to Snow Hill, where she joined E. L. McCabe, Jr., and Company. She has remained here since in the position of bookkeeper, aiding much in the progress of the company through her efficient performance of duties. Her quiet manner has had a decidedly steadying effect on the office staff of the company.

Mrs. Pilchard is active in the life of her community as a member of the Pocahontas Club, and does much to further the good work of women's organizations and groups in Snow Hill. She attends the Baptist Church.

The marriage of William James and Elizabeth B. Pilchard took place July 8, 1941. Mr. Pilchard was born April 13, 1917, at Stockton, Maryland, and passed away June 19, 1943, at Girdletree. Mr. and Mrs. Pilchard became the parents of one daughter, Betty Lee Pilchard, who was born April 5, 1942, at Girdletree.

**CARL JAMES WILLIAMS**—Three generations of the Williams family have, with the use of their hands and their knowledge and acumen, contributed to the growth of the Eastern Shore through construction work. Like his father before him, Carl James Williams, of Salisbury, in Wicomico County, contributed his share as carpenter and building contractor and, in further extension of the family pattern, his

sons, James Carl Williams and David William Williams, are also carrying on in the building trades.

Carl James Williams was born at Salisbury, on October 25, 1887, the son of Marion Clifton and Emma Elizabeth (Calloway) Williams, and, after he had been educated in the public schools of Wicomico County, joined his father in the carpenter trade and later in the building contracting business.

On January 25, 1904, in Laurel, Delaware, Mr. Williams married Grace Elizabeth Smith, the daughter of Charles Lafayette and Rosie Ellen (Dixon) Smith. They are the parents of four children: Ralph Washington Williams (q.v.), who was born on December 23, 1906; Emily Virginia, now Mrs. Otis Long, who was born on August 18, 1911; James Carl Williams, who was born on November 29, 1915; and David William Williams, who was born on May 28, 1922. The two younger sons, associated with their father in the building contracting business, Carl J. Williams and Sons, are the subjects of biographies following this account.

The death of Carl James Williams occurred on September 11, 1947. The family worships in St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Salisbury, and makes its home at 1106 Hanover Street, in that community.

**DAVID WILLIAM WILLIAMS**—Among the younger men of the Eastern Shore who served the nation in time of war and who are now participating in the great program of construction, to provide homes for those seeking them and to assist in the commercial and industrial expansion of peacetime, is David William Williams of Salisbury. A building contractor associated with Carl J. Williams and Sons, Mr. Williams is becoming favorably known throughout the region not only in his field of business but in the social and civic life of its communities.

Mr. Williams was born in Salisbury on May 28, 1922, the son of Carl James and Grace Elizabeth (Smith) Williams. Carl James Williams, like his own father before him, was active in the building contracting business. Another of the family who is in this business is an older brother, James Carl Williams. The stories of both the father and the brother accompany this biography.

David W. Williams was educated in the public schools of Wicomico County. Like others of his family, he entered the building trade at an early age and, except for the period he was taking technical training and serving in the United States Army Air Forces in World War II, he has been in this trade, as contractor, continuously until the present. In the war period he took his technical training at the Curtiss-Wright School in Glendale, California.

Among the organizations in which Mr. Williams is active at home are Centennial Lodge No. 221, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Chesapeake Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Baltimore; and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He and his family worship in St. Andrew's Methodist Church.

On March 6, 1941, Mr. Williams married Elnora Kerley, the daughter of William Russell and Jeanne Pearl Kerley. They have become the parents of a daughter, Linda Gail Williams, born on October 5, 1945. Mr. Williams' business address is 1007 West Street; his home address 1005 West Street, Salisbury.

**JAMES CARL WILLIAMS**—Son of a man prominent in the Eastern Shore, James Carl Williams has won his own reputation as a building contractor, with

headquarters at 1007 West Street, Salisbury. He is a veteran of World War II and is active in veterans' affairs at home, as well as in fraternal work.

Born at Salisbury, on November 29, 1915, Mr. Williams is the son of Carl James and Grace Elizabeth (Smith) Williams. His father, whose record precedes this, and his grandfather, Marion Clifton Williams, were also in the building contracting business.

James Carl Williams began his education in the elementary schools of Wicomico County. At an early age he joined his father in the contracting business, but meantime he continued to educate himself, chiefly through courses in contracting and building and in architectural engineering with the International Correspondence Schools. Through the years he has remained in the business, and he has become well-known throughout the Eastern Shore as a member of the Carl J. Williams and Sons company.

In World War II, Mr. Williams served with the Twelfth Infantry Regiment, Fourth Division, and is the possessor of three Battle Stars. He is a member not only of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars but also of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Wicomico Lodge No. 91, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Chesapeake Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Baltimore. In addition, he belongs to the Tri-State Sportsmen's Club. He worships in St. Andrew's Methodist Church at Salisbury.

Mr. Williams married Mildred Kathryn Hammond, the daughter of William Marshall and George Emma Hammond, at Salisbury, on August 3, 1935. They have two sons: James Bruce Williams, born on March 17, 1941; and Roland Hammond Williams, born on February 24, 1947.

**CHARLES W. CROCKETT**—An enterpriser in the automotive business in Pocomoke City since the days of its early promise, Charles W. Crockett has for over two decades managed an agency under his own name, which has brought him into prominence among Pocomoke business men.

Mr. Crockett is a native of Pocomoke City, son of Charles W. and Mary Ellen (Brown) Crockett. His father, a native of Somerset County, was born in 1854. He was a shipyard operator at Pocomoke, a Democrat and a member of the Knights of Pythias. He died in August, 1907. Mary Ellen Brown, whom he married, was born in Wicomico County, February 2, 1866, and died March 4, 1936.

Charles Crockett attended public schools and high school in Pocomoke. He served in the Navy during World War I, enlisting December 10, 1917. He was stationed on the U. S. S. "Montana" and saw active service in convoy duty. He was discharged October 1, 1919.

Thereafter, until 1926, he worked in the tire business, associated with J. Milton Clogg, who operated a Ford agency. Realizing the certain future of the automotive business he started in business for himself in 1926, under the company name of C. W. Crockett, retailing and servicing of tires. In addition to engaging in the distribution of U. S. Tires, the firm does complete servicing—recapping, retreading, and the work embracing tractor as well as automobile tires. The company, of which he is sole owner, employs the full-time services of three assistants.

Mr. Crockett is a Democrat in his political affiliations. He is a member of the Rotary Club, and a

charter member of Post Number 93 of the American Legion. His church is the Bethany Methodist, of which he is a member of the official board.

At Pocomoke City on December 10, 1920, Charles W. Crockett married Lillian Scott, daughter of John H. and Katherine (McCready) Scott of Accomack County. The Crocketts have one daughter, Ellen Jane, born January 18, 1938.

**WILLIS CLEVELAND CAREY, JR.**—One of the best-known furniture firms on the Eastern Shore—a business whose operations extend into the State of Delaware—is that owned by Willis Cleveland Carey, Jr., at Salisbury in Wicomico County. Mr. Carey, a veteran of World War II who saw service in the Pacific Theater of Operations and in the China-Burma-India Theater, is one of the Eastern Shore's most popular citizens.

He was born at Salisbury on June 20, 1917, the son of Willis Cleveland and Sadie (Lynch) Carey. The senior Mr. Carey founded the successful Carey furniture enterprise, retiring from the business in 1944 because of illness, and selling out to his son.

The present owner of the store was educated in the elementary and high schools of Salisbury and at the University of Maryland. On completing his education, Willis Carey, Jr., formed an association with his father in the furniture business, becoming a partner in 1937. When Mr. Carey entered the business it was located on Salisbury's Market Street, but in 1941 it was moved to Church Street, where it remained for six years. It is now housed in a new building erected by Mr. Carey on Salisbury Boulevard, where he maintains one of the most attractive show rooms on the entire Eastern Shore. When in 1944, Mr. Carey's father became so ill he could not continue in the business, he sold out his interest to his son, who has carried on alone ever since. It has customers in all sections of the Eastern Shore and Delaware.

Mr. Carey entered the military service in March, 1943, when he became a member of the Sixth Marine Division with which he served in the Pacific Theater of Operations and with which he participated in battle action on Okinawa. He was also attached to the general headquarters of the Marine Intelligence Section at Tsingtao, China. He was honorably discharged in February, 1945, and since returning from the Marine Corps has been devoting himself to his business, family and civic life. He is a member of the Lions Club of Salisbury.

Willis C. Carey, Jr., and Kathryn Dee Pollitt were married at Allen, Maryland, on August 26, 1939. Mrs. Carey is the daughter of Jesse Pollitt, now sheriff of Wicomico County, and Agnes Pollitt. Mr. and Mrs. Carey have three children: Betty Marie, Willis Cleveland, III, and Judith Ann. The family worships at the Bethesda Methodist Church of Salisbury.

**WILLIAM RYDER JONES**—Though William Ryder Jones is a pharmacist licensed to practice in both the states of Maryland and Delaware and has been with drug stores in both states, he is now general manager of the Sunshine Laundry Corporation of Salisbury, and thus is known throughout that area in which this company, with its three plants, operates—from Seaford, Delaware, to Accomac, Virginia.

Mr. Jones was born in Clayton, Delaware, on July



7, 1904, the son of Joseph Edward and Sophia Louise (Waite) Jones. Both parents died some years ago. The father was a carpenter.

William R. Jones was educated in the elementary and high schools of his native community and at Wesley Collegiate Institute at Dover, Delaware. When he had completed his formal education, Mr. Jones took the state board examinations for pharmacy in Delaware and, passing the examinations, worked as a druggist in Clayton for several years. He then took a similar position with the Toulson Drug Company in Salisbury, where he remained for three years.

Mr. Jones' next affiliation was with the Continental American Life Insurance Company of Delaware, with which he worked for about a year. He resigned from the insurance company staff to accept appointment to his present post of general manager of the Sunshine Laundry Company, of which Ernest O. Wheatley, the founder, is president and secretary and J. Herman Noble of Federalsburg is vice president and treasurer. In its three plants—located at Salisbury, the headquarters, and Crisfield and Berlin—there are two hundred employees, all under Mr. Jones' supervision.

Mr. Jones is one of Salisbury's most active citizens. He is a past president of the Lions Club of that community and is vestryman of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Also, he is past master of the Wicomico Blue Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is an Eighteenth-degree Rose Croix Mason.

He married Adeline Elizabeth Coulson, daughter of Richard Coulson, who until his death was a stone mason in Pennsylvania, and Elizabeth (McKenzie) Coulson. The ceremony took place in Cheswold, Delaware, on June 8, 1926. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of three children: 1. William Ryder, Jr., born on July 31, 1931. 2. Barbara Louise, born on November 3, 1933. 3. Lawrence Cooper, born on September 23, 1946.

**VERNER VANE HUGHES** has been in business in Salisbury since 1932, handling farmers' supplies of all kinds and buying and selling produce. He operates under the firm name of V. V. Hughes & Sons and sells to farmers all over the Eastern Shore and in the state of Delaware.

He was born August 13, 1890, in Wicomico County, the son of Charles V. and Mary (Fletcher) Hughes. The Hughes family is of Scotch-Irish descent, and Mr. Hughes's father was a sea captain for forty years, commanding vessels both in sail and in steam.

Verner Vane Hughes attended the public schools of Wicomico County and after leaving high school worked on the farm on which his father had settled after quitting the sea. He continued to farm until 1927, when he became branch manager for the Marvel Package Company in Salisbury. The main office of this company, which manufactures baskets, boxes, and crates, is in Delaware. In 1932 he left this position and went into business for himself, handling farmers' supplies of all kinds—seeds, baskets, fertilizer, everything that is needed on the farm. He also buys and sells produce, and himself owns five truck farms in Wicomico County. Associated with him in the business are his two sons, Charles Benjamin Hughes and Max Pusey Hughes. Under the firm name of V. V. Hughes & Sons this company sells to farmers over a wide area and has built up a profitable trade that extends to practically all of Delaware

as well as the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia. Mr. Hughes and his family are members of the Methodist Church at Rockwalkin. Fraternally he is affiliated with Salisbury Lodge, No. 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is a member of the Salisbury Kiwanis Club.

He married at Quantico, Maryland, on November 15, 1913, Mary Pusey, the daughter of Benjamin S. and Letitia (Wilson) Pusey. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are the parents of two sons and a daughter: 1. Charles Benjamin, born November 5, 1915. During World War II, he served for four years in the United States Army, and held the rank of first sergeant. 2. Max Pusey, born August 19, 1917. He married Marian Blackinton of Middletown, Delaware, and they have two children: Don Hughes and Marcia Ann Hughes. 3. Elizabeth Jane, born in Wicomico County, December 26, 1922. She married Robert White of Salisbury, December 16, 1944.

**J. HOWARD ANTHONY** is one of the prominent real estate and insurance men of the Eastern Shore. His firm, the J. Howard Anthony Agency, has an extensive tax business. An ardent sportsman, Mr. Anthony is also president of the Easton Baseball Club of the Eastern Shore League.

Born at Centreville, Queen Anne's County, on March 19, 1911, Mr. Anthony is the son of J. Howard Anthony, Sr., also a native of Queen Anne's County and a farmer now living at Hermitage, and of Ethel (Price) Anthony, who also was born in that county. She died several years ago.

The real estate and insurance man was educated in the Centreville public schools, graduated from the high school there, and attended the Strayer Business College in Baltimore. He began his career as a field supervisor for the Talbot Packing and Preserving Company, a firm with which he remained until 1938. At that time he became a teller in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Easton. Four years later, however, he entered the real estate and insurance field, and since that time has been operating as the J. Howard Anthony Agency in Easton. Mr. Anthony handles all types of general insurance except life. Among the companies he represents are the Home Insurance Company, the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company and the Century Indemnity Company. He began exclusively with insurance, adding real estate later. He now also has an extensive business in income tax work. He has been president of the Easton Baseball Club and active in the Eastern Shore Baseball League since 1941.

Mr. Anthony takes a leading part in civic functions and is a member of such organizations as the Business Men's Association of Easton, the Rotary Club of Easton, the Easton Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Miller Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also at Easton. Through his business he is a member of the Real Estate Association of Maryland and the Maryland Association of Insurance Agents. As may be expected, his hobby is baseball. He is a Democrat and he worships at Christ Episcopal Church, Easton.

Mr. Anthony married Nancy Mace, also a native of the Eastern Shore, in Cambridge on October 23, 1937. Mrs. Anthony is the daughter of J. Ralph and Anna (Spence) Mace. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony: 1. Nancy Lee, on October 11, 1940. 2. Joseph Mace and 3. John Howard, twins, on May 12, 1946.



**SAMUEL EDWARD SHOCKLEY** — Widely known for his excellent farming methods and faithful public service, Samuel Edward Shockley, of Snow Hill, has contributed much toward the prosperous growth and development of this region. He has earned the respect of his friends and the esteem of the many citizens of Worcester County with whom he has had dealings.

Mr. Shockley was born May 31, 1883, at Snow Hill, son of Elijah J. and Mary Margaret Shockley. His father, a native of Worcester County, became prominent as a lumberman, served as county commissioner, and in politics supported the Democratic party. Margaret Shockley, mother of Samuel Shockley, was also born in Worcester County.

As a boy Samuel Edward Shockley worked on his father's farm. Later he began farming for himself on a farm consisting of two hundred seventy-six acres. Throughout the years he continued to farm successfully, and he gained a wide reputation for the quality of his products and for fairness of judgment in all transactions. By 1934 his reputation had become so widespread and he had gained the loyal support of so many of the citizens of the county that he was elected to the position of county commissioner of Worcester County, a position he has continued to hold, being successively re-elected to this post to the present time. He now owns over six hundred acres of land, of which around two hundred acres is tillable.

In addition to these interests, Mr. Shockley serves his community as vice president and a director of the First National Bank of Snow Hill. In politics he has always been affiliated with the Democratic party, and in religious preference he adheres to the Protestant faith.

At Salisbury, Samuel Edward Shockley married Eunice Esther Moore, daughter of George H. and Christiana Moore. Mrs. Shockley was born in Wicomico County, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Shockley became the parents of one child, Margaret Esther Shockley, who was born in Worcester County.

**WILLIAM JOHNSON BONNER**—A prominent Preston business man, a department head with the firm of Albert W. Sisk & Son, William Johnson Bonner is likewise active in many phases of the city's business and civic life.

Son of Walter E. and Marguerite E. (Johnson) Bonner, he was born at Hurlock, Dorchester County, October 8, 1900. Walter E. Bonner passed his life in the occupation of farming in Dorchester County, near Hurlock. Marguerite E. Johnson was a native of East New Market, Maryland, and is also deceased. Her mother, Annie B. Johnson still lives at the age of ninety-two (1949). Although blind, on her ninetieth birthday, she played the same hymn in her church, that she had rendered before that religious body when she was fifteen years of age.

It was in the family homestead near Hurlock that William Johnson Bonner was raised. He attended the local public schools, thereafter enrolling in Beacom Business College at Salisbury. In June, 1922, he first became associated with the firm of Albert W. Sisk & Son. His connection with that company has been unbroken and he has advanced to the head of the accounting department. Mr. Bonner is also a director and president of the Provident State Bank of Preston.

His chief connections outside of business are those

of a man deeply interested in the welfare of his community, and in serving that community in every needed capacity. He is an active member of The Preston Volunteer Fire Company and has at various times throughout the years, served in every capacity in that organization. He is active in Boy Scout work, and was for five years Scoutmaster of the local troop. At the present time he is serving as chairman of the Troop Committee, a position which he has held consecutively for three years.

Mr. Bonner is a Democrat in his political allegiance, and has a creditable record as a member of the Board of Town Commissioners, after having served as Town Clerk for several years.

A listing of Mr. Bonner's membership in Masonic orders is impressive. He is a Past Master of Preston Lodge No. 207, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and now serves that lodge as secretary. He is also a Past Master of The Caroline-Dorchester Past Masters Association, a member of Edenton Royal Arch Chapter No. 36, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is a Past High Priest. He is a Past Commander of Chesapeake Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, Denton, and Deputy Illustrious Master of Adoniram Council No. 21, Royal and Select Masters also located at Denton. He also holds membership in The Tall Cedars of Lebanon and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Baltimore, as well as the local Council of The Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Among his clubs, Mr. Bonner lists the Talbot Country Club and Bell Mont Country Club, and has served as secretary and treasurer of the Choptank Yacht Club. In religious faith he is a Methodist, a member of Bethesda Methodist Church. He was for ten years superintendent of its Sunday school and serves on its official board of trustees. Mr. Bonner enjoys outdoor sports; fishing, golf, and baseball being among his favorites.

On April 28, 1928, William Johnson Bonner married Nellie Holt Griffith of Federalsburg.

**LAYMAN J. REDDEN** has been practicing law in Denton since 1934. A Democrat, he held the office of state attorney for Caroline County for three terms. He is very active in community affairs, and a prominent leader of the Boy Scout organization in his district, having successively served as County Chairman and District Chairman.

He was born in Denton, October 6, 1904, the son of George T. and Susie Elizabeth (Seymour) Redden, both now deceased, the former a native of Caroline County, the latter a native of Baltimore. George T. Redden was one of the early fruit and vegetable canners in the state, and also engaged in extensive farming.

Layman J. Redden attended elementary and high school in Caroline County and for one year was a student at Blair Academy. He was graduated from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania in 1926, specializing in economics and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. His legal training was received at Washington and Lee University, where he studied for one year, and at the University of Maryland Law School, where he was graduated in 1934 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Meantime, however, he had spent five years in operating the canning plant and extensive farms which had been previously operated by his father and brother, both of whom died in 1928.



*Samuel E. Shickley.*





In 1934, Mr. Redden began the general practice of law in Denton. He was elected to the office of state's attorney for Caroline County on the Democratic ticket that same year and served for twelve years. During World War II, Mr. Redden served on the advisory board for registrants in the Selective Service System. He has been a member of the local Volunteer Fire Company for the past twenty years. He is also a member of the Caroline County, Maryland, and American bar associations, Alpha Tau Omega, social, and Phi Delta Phi, legal, fraternities, and the Denton Lions Club, of which he was the first president. He formerly was a member of the Denton Rotary Club for several years. Mr. Redden is a leading member of the Episcopal Church in Denton, where he has served as vestryman, for a number of years. In 1947, Mr. Redden was a delegate to the State Convention of the Democratic party. Water activities of all sorts constitute his favorite recreation.

On January 23, 1930, Layman J. Redden married Roger Elizabeth Duffey of Washington, D. C., the daughter of Dr. Roger W. and Laura (Seymour) Duffey, both now deceased, the former a native of Caroline County, the latter of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Redden have one son, Roger Duffey, born December 19, 1932, a student at St. Andrew's School at Middletown, Delaware.

**EDWIN LESTER KIRBY**—The Somers-Kirby Motor Company, engaged in automobile sales and service, has been a successful and growing concern in Pocomoke City since its founding in 1938. One of the partners heading this concern, Edwin Lester Kirby, is not only prominent in business circles but likewise in Pocomoke's civic and lodge activities.

Mr. Kirby was born in Temperanceville, Accomack County, Virginia, on May 25, 1915. His parents were both Virginians, his father, Edwin Loftus, being a native of Richmond, and his mother, Helen Roe (Cutler) Kirby, having been born in Temperanceville. Edwin Loftus Kirby is engaged in banking in Richmond, and is a loyal Democrat.

Educated in the public schools and high school of Temperanceville, Edwin L. Kirby entered the automobile business in 1935. At that time he became associated with the Somers Motor Company of Pocomoke City, dealers in Chrysler and Plymouth automobiles. In 1938 Mr. Kirby decided on his own venture in the automotive field, and formed a partnership with Mr. L. T. Somers, forming the Somers-Kirby Motor Company. In 1946 Mr. Kirby purchased Mr. Somers' interest in the business and has continued to operate the business alone under the firm name. Its agency located in Pocomoke, the firm gives employment to eight persons. Its territory covers Worcester and Somerset counties in Maryland, and Accomack and Northampton counties in Virginia.

Keeping abreast of developments in his field, Mr. Kirby is a member of the Automobile Trade Association. He serves the Pocomoke City fire department as one of its engineers, and is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics, he is a Republican; and his religious affiliation is with the Southern Methodist Church.

At Snow Hill, September 6, 1936, Edwin L. Kirby married Grace Marie Somers, daughter of Lorenzo Thomas and Maude Grace (Miller) Somers.

**JAMES R. THOMAS**—Since it was organized in December, 1945, James R. Thomas has been a partner

and secretary-treasurer of the Choptank Construction Company, a progressive and growing contracting firm in Cambridge, and now holds the same office in the Garden Apartment Corporation. Mr. Thomas is no less interested in the civic activities of his town than in the improvement of its physical aspects through the new construction planned and directed by him and his colleagues.

Cambridge was the birthplace of Mr. Thomas. He was born on October 7, 1905, the son of James R. and Eunice (Stewart) Thomas, both of that town. His father was a carpenter, and even during his school years he learned much of that trade, continuing to follow it for a number of years.

He was early prepared for posts of civic responsibility, for in 1934 he became deputy sheriff of Dorchester County, serving as such for four years, after which he was elected sheriff. This office he held until 1942, the time of his induction into service.

Mr. Thomas served in the Coast Guard as a boat-swain's mate first class, and was attached to the Fifth Naval District. When discharged in 1945, he went with the Phillips Packing Company, continuing there for nearly a year prior to his connection with the present concern.

Since his period of Coast Guard service, Mr. Thomas has been interested in the activities of the American Legion, of which he is a member. He also belongs to the Rescue Fire Company, and his lodges are the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs to the Methodist Church, where he is secretary of the men's Bible class. In political conviction he is a Republican.

James R. Thomas married, February 28, 1937, Mary W. Wollen of Cambridge. They are the parents of a son, James R., Jr.

**GEORGE L. RALPH**, distributor for the Shell Oil Company, with bulk plants in Wilmington, Chesapeake City, Centreville, and Dover, Delaware, and Salisbury, Maryland, covers the entire Eastern Shore and handles more than nine million gallons of gasoline annually, exclusive of other products. Mr. Ralph has been in Salisbury since 1939 when he opened a filling station and tank wagon service there.

He was born in Philadelphia on April 7, 1905, the son of Yancey W. and Frances (Lindley) Ralph. His father was engaged in the real estate business in Philadelphia. After attending elementary and high school there, Mr. Ralph became associated with the Cities Service Company in Philadelphia and spent five years in its employ, gaining his initial experience in the gasoline business. He then became the Cities Service distributor in Wilmington. In 1939 he opened a filling station and tank wagon service in Salisbury. In 1945 he bought property on the water front in Salisbury and became distributor for the Shell Oil Company. He covers the entire Eastern Shore, with bulk plants in Wilmington, Chesapeake City, Harrington, Ocean View, Centreville and Dover, as well as in Salisbury. The business is incorporated under the name of George L. Ralph, Inc., and employs approximately sixty people. Mr. Ralph is president and treasurer.

In religious affiliation, Mr. Ralph is a member of the Episcopal Church.

He married at Rockport, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, on August 29, 1930, Charlotte O'Brien, the daughter of Dr. Thomas A. and Charlotte O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph are the parents of five children: Clara May, Arthur, Charlotte, Gail, and George L., Jr.

**HOBART PHILLIPS** has been prominent in the commercial life of Cambridge for a number of years, and is now vice president and general manager of the H. Hearn Hardware Company. He has added to this record creditable activity in civic affairs.

Mr. Phillips was born November 1, 1896, in Cambridge. His father, Luther Phillips, of Hoopers Island, followed the sea most of his life, and his son has seemingly confirmed, at various times during his life, that such an interest can be an inherited one. He was educated in the public schools of Cambridge, and attended Washington College and Strayer's Business College.

In 1916 he was associated for a short time with the Herbert Hearn Hardware Company in Cambridge as a bookkeeper, but gave up this position to accept employment with the People's Loan, Savings and Deposit Bank, where he remained until he joined the United States Navy. During World War I he served as a yeoman in the pay department. Honorably discharged in 1919, he returned to the bank which had employed him at the time of his enlistment, but shortly after, in January, 1922, left that organization and went again with the Hearn Hardware Company as office manager. In 1926, when the company constructed a new wholesale plant, Mr. Phillips was put in charge, and served in this capacity until 1939 when, at Mr. Hearn's retirement, he became general manager of the entire organization. He is also its vice president. Mr. Hearn still occupies the position of president, although retired from active participation.

The Hearn Hardware Company was established in 1896, when Mr. Hearn bought a small general store in Dorchester County. In 1901, he purchased the local hardware business of J. Ben Brown, which concern was located on Race Street. This firm Mr. Hearn continued to operate as an individual enterprise, incorporating it under the present name in 1914. It was also in that year that, due to the growth of the business, a new and larger headquarters became necessary. In 1918, it became apparent that there was a demand for a wholesale hardware organization in the region, and the concern laid increasing emphasis on this line. Business was never static, and again in 1926 it outgrew its location. Then an adequate modern plant was constructed, and at its present place of business, the firm has ideal transportation facilities, both highway and railroad, so vital in the handling of a large volume of heavy stock. In addition to Mr. Hearn and Mr. Phillips, the firm today has as officers, Earl W. Beckwith, secretary, and Miss Nellie P. Skinner, treasurer.

Mr. Phillips' business responsibilities have not stood in the way of his activities as clubman, and sports enthusiast. He is also an enthusiastic participant in lodge affairs, being an Elk, and past exalted ruler of the Cambridge Lodge Number 1272 for the year 1933. He is also a Mason, belonging to Cambridge Lodge Number 66, the Royal Arch Chapter, and the Council. He is on the Chamber of Commerce, and enjoys memberships in both the Cambridge Yacht and the Cambridge Country clubs. His church is the Methodist. As indicated, he is an ardent sportsman, having a particular liking for boating and golf. Since his period of World War I service, he has also engaged in the activities of the American Legion.

On June 3, 1922, Hobart Phillips married Ruth Hearn, of Cambridge, daughter of Herbert Hearn. They are the parents of a daughter, Charlotte Ann who, since graduation from local schools, has been attending William and Mary College.

**WILLIAM W. TRAVERS** is a member of the law firm of Woodcock, Webb, Bounds & Travers of Salisbury, with which he has been associated since 1931. A Democrat in his political affiliation, he has served in the Maryland Senate and he is now a member of the State Tax Commissioners' office in Salisbury.

He was born in Nanticoke, on February 12, 1902, the son of William S. and Minnie (Willing) Travers. William S. Travers, now deceased, was an oyster planter and farmer. He is believed to have been the first man ever to plant oysters privately in the state of Maryland.

William W. Travers attended the public schools of Nanticoke, graduating from Nanticoke High School. He then studied at St. John's College, in Annapolis, after which he entered the University of Baltimore Law School, graduating in the class of 1928, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the Maryland bar in 1931, and became associated with the law firm of Woodcock & Webb, as it was then known, practicing in Salisbury. In 1937 he became a member of this highly reputable firm, which now does business under the firm name of Woodcock, Webb, Bounds & Travers. Mr. Travers is very well liked in and around Salisbury. He served as referee in bankruptcy from 1933 to 1946, and then was elected to the Maryland State Senate. In June, 1947, he resigned this office to become identified with the State Tax Commissioner's office in Salisbury.

He is a member of the Wicomico County and Maryland State bar associations, and the Southern section of Kappa Alpha fraternity, and is affiliated also with Salisbury Lodge No. 817, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends the Episcopal Church.

He was married at Salisbury on June 28, 1934, to Maude Heath, who died November 28, 1947; she was the daughter of Milbourne W. and Ruth (Larmore) Heath, the former engaged in mercantile business in Jesterville.

**CARRIE ISABELLE HEARN, M.D.**—After ten years of medical service in India, Dr. Carrie Isabelle Hearn returned to the United States and since 1944 has been practicing medicine in Salisbury, where she spent her childhood.

Dr. Hearn was born December 27, 1902, in Wilmington, North Carolina, the daughter of B. S. and Amanda J. (Downs) Hearn, her father being in the mercantile business in Wilmington. She attended the public schools of Salisbury, graduating from Salisbury High School in 1919. She then entered upon pre-medical work at Duke University in the class of 1924. After teaching for two years in the public schools of Willard, North Carolina, she entered upon special courses of medical study, and then took examinations at London University, where she received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1930. She pursued post-graduate work in diseases of the chest at the London City Hospital and in nervous diseases at the Queen Square Hospital. With this wealth of medical train-



ing behind her, Dr. Hearn went out to India, where she took charge of the Reformed Episcopal Church Mission for women and children. Dr. Hearn spent the years from 1933 to 1943 in India, and while there she did special postgraduate work on the eye in addition to carrying the heavy responsibilities of the medical work of the mission. In 1943 she returned to the United States and spent a year at the Northeastern Hospital in Philadelphia. She then came to Salisbury in 1944 and opened her present office on West Church Street, where she has since been engaged in private practice.

Dr. Hearn takes a keen interest in the affairs of the community, and she is a member of the Quota Club and of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She belongs to the Asbury Methodist Church.

**JOSEPH SAMUEL CAREY**, well-known insurance agent of Salisbury and prominent Wicomico County Democrat, was born at Pittsville, September 12, 1893, the son of Joseph S. and Laura A. (Jones) Carey, his father having spent his entire life as a farmer in Wicomico County.

Joseph Samuel Carey attended the elementary and high school at Pittsville and Wicomico High School at Salisbury. After leaving school, he worked for six years on his father's farm at Pittsville. He then built a new home on the Ocean City Boulevard, into which he moved when he married. At the same time he became associated with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and represented this company for four years. At the end of this period he entered the insurance business for himself under the name of J. Samuel Carey, Insurance, handling all kinds of insurance with the exception of life insurance. Mr. Carey's office is in the Odd Fellows Building in Salisbury.

A prominent member of Newton Lodge No. 56, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Mr. Carey is chairman of its board of managers and custodian of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows property. During World War I, Mr. Carey went into the armed forces and was sent to Fort Washington for training but the Armistice was signed before he could get into active service. He takes a keen interest in local politics, and he is a member of the state central committee of the Democratic party, representing Wicomico County. He and his family attend the Trinity Methodist Church.

Joseph Samuel Carey married at Whaleyville, March 12, 1918, Blanche Hall, who was born November 9, 1898, the daughter of James H. and Jennie M. Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Carey are the parents of two children: 1. Margaret Ann Carey, born January 30, 1927. 2. Barbara Hall Carey, born December 10, 1929. She married, June 19, 1948, John Downing, 3rd, of Salisbury.

**WILLIAM C. MILLS**, of St. Michaels, is active both in banking and in the fire insurance business. He has long been well known in his connection with the County Trust Company of Maryland, of which he is cashier, and is also the president of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission and prominent in fraternal and club life.

Mr. Mills was born on June 11, 1892, son of James E. and Willada (Ward) Mills. Although his parents were originally residents of Crisfield, they moved to

Salisbury early in Mr. Mills' youth, and it was in that city that he received his public school education.

His first work was as clerk with the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railroad, a position he held for two years. He was associated with the Salisbury National Bank as a clerk until 1916, when he joined the United States Army to participate in action during the Mexican Border affair, being in Company I of the Infantry. He continued in the service throughout World War I, and was on the psychological board at Camp Meade. Mr. Mills returned to civilian life in 1919.

In that year he came to St. Michaels as cashier of the County Trust Company of Maryland, a position he has held ever since. A more recent interest of Mr. Mills is the fire insurance business. He manages his own agency in St. Michaels. Mr. Mills' proven business abilities have gained for him the confidence of the citizens of his town, and he has for ten years been president of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission. He is a Democrat in his political convictions.

Mr. Mills is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Granite Lodge No. 177. He also belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, in which he is past grand sacheem of Maryland. As hobbies, Mr. Mills prefers such outdoor sports as fishing and hunting, and he is a member of the Miles River Yacht Club and is past commander of that organization. He and his family attend the Episcopal Church, where Mr. Mills is vestryman and registrar of St. Michaels Parish.

On December 12, 1917, William C. Mills married Margaret Ayers, of Berlin, Worcester County. Mr. and Mrs. Mills have no children.

**ROY LESLIE BAILEY** opened up a jewelry store in Salisbury in 1947, which has proved successful. Mr. Bailey is not new to Salisbury, for he formerly worked in a jewelry store there. He has had experience in conducting his own jewelry business elsewhere in the state.

He was born in Riverton on July 12, 1905, the son of Joseph A. and Stella M. (English) Bailey. His father, a merchant who operates a general store at Riverton, served three terms as a member of the Democratic state central committee and is otherwise active in political and civic affairs in his community.

Roy Leslie Bailey attended the public schools of Mardela Springs, and Mardela Springs High School. He then studied at the University of Maryland. For two years he worked for H. N. Fitch in the jewelry business in Salisbury, and then managed his father's general store at Riverton for three years. He next went into the jewelry business for himself in Baltimore, opening his own store, which he operated for ten years. At the end of that period he sold out and moved to Mardela. In 1947 he opened his own jewelry store at 114½ West Main Street in Salisbury. Mr. Bailey is a member of the Methodist Church of Riverton. Fraternally he is affiliated with Temple Lodge, No. 170, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of all the various Masonic bodies, holding a Thirty-second degree and being a member of the Baltimore Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. His political ties are with the Democratic party.

He married at Mardela Springs, May 12, 1929, Mary Elizabeth Marshall, daughter of Douglas and Henrietta (Mason) Marshall; the former a farmer at



Parksley, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have one daughter, Carolyn Leslye Bailey, born September 15, 1932.

**LEWIS JACKSON DUNCAN** has been actively connected with the agricultural use of the soils and climate of the Eastern Shore since boyhood. During some forty years of farming, he has accumulated a broad knowledge of his business and has a reputation for keeping abreast of the changes in agriculture; in the adoption of better methods and in the production of profitable crops and beef cattle.

Born at Tilghman, on June 3, 1888, he is the son of James and Jennie (Cummings) Duncan, both natives of Tilghman and both now deceased. His father was a substantial farmer and the owner of a fleet of boats. Educated in local public schools, Lewis Jackson Duncan remained with his parents until he was twenty years of age, when he began farming at Dawson Resurvey, Sherwood, Maryland, and remained there for thirty-two years. He cultivated a large part of one hundred and eighty acres, planting mainly corn, wheat, and tomatoes, and raised livestock. In 1939 he sold out his holdings and took over the management of a place for Charles S. Todd. His next change was to purchase a farm in the St. Michaels area that he directed for six years, during which time he operated on an adjoining one hundred and fifty acres. In 1947 Mr. Duncan took over the San Domingo Farm in partnership with Frank B. Johnston, some one hundred and fifty acres. This association specializes in the growing of wheat, sweet corn and beef cattle of the Hereford breed. In his political faith he is a Democrat. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church at Sardis.

On December 25, 1907, Lewis Jackson Duncan married Virgie C. Williams, daughter of Denny and Annie E. (Holtz) Williams. Her father, who is deceased, was formerly a business man of St. Michaels. Mrs. Duncan is a graduate of local schools and Western Maryland College. Prior to her marriage she taught school for four years and now serves as a substitute teacher. She is greatly interested in the Homemakers Club.

**FRANKLIN PARSONS PERDUE**—The prosperity of the Eastern Shore rests solidly upon its progressive and ably managed agricultural resources. Among those in whose hands rests the continuation of this tradition is Franklin Parsons Perdue. His family has been associated for some time with poultry breeding, and he has struck out in his own right as partner-manager of one of the larger hatcheries of the region.

Born May 9, 1920, in Salisbury, Franklin Parsons Perdue is the only son of Arthur W. and Pearl (Parsons) Perdue. Educated in his native city, he was graduated in 1937 from the Wicomico High School, and spent two years at Salisbury State Teachers College, before determining to enter into poultry raising. In 1939 he became associated with his father in the hatchery and poultry breeding business. The enterprise, initially operating under the name of Arthur W. Perdue, was changed in 1944 to A. W. Perdue and Son, when Franklin Parsons Perdue became a full partner in the operations. Twenty-five persons are employed at present, and the capacity of the hatchery is 523,000 eggs. In addition, a retail feed business, established in 1946 as an adjunct to the poultry farm, is operated under the same name. A

building, up-to-date in both construction and equipment, was completed in 1948 to house this new venture. Both businesses are conducted at the Perdue's address on Highway 50 near Salisbury.

Franklin Parsons Perdue is a Republican in his politics. He is an active member of the Wicomico Lodge No. 91, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons. He and his family attend the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Perdue's favorite recreation is table tennis.

At Princess Anne, June 21, 1941, Franklin Parsons Perdue married C. Madeline Godfrey, of Snow Hill, daughter of George Elmer and Cora (Dickerson) Godfrey. To Mr. and Mrs. Perdue three daughters and one son have been born: 1. Sandra Pearl, born December 3, 1942. 2. Ann Elizabeth, born July 11, 1945. 3. Beverly Mae, born October 6, 1946. 4. James Arthur, born December 14, 1949.

**JOSEPH GIFFORD SCARBOROUGH**—A rapid rise to prominence has marked the career of Joseph Gifford Scarborough, attorney, of Elkton. Although in his thirty-sixth year at present writing, he has been for two years a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, and is also assistant state's attorney of Cecil County.

Born July 5, 1911, at Elkton, Mr. Scarborough is the son of John Leedom and Millie Yonker (Kerr) Scarborough, both natives of Cecil County. His father was engaged in postal service and was an insurance agent. The Scarborough family came to Cecil County from Chester County, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Scarborough's grandfather, Joseph Smith Scarborough, served in the United States Army during the Civil War. He is also descended from John Scarborough, a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

John Leedom and Millie Yonker (Kerr) Scarborough had two children: 1. Joseph Gifford, of whom further. 2. Miriam Elizabeth, a teacher in the public schools of Maryland, and active in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

After attending Elkton grade and high schools where he was active in athletics, Joseph Gifford Scarborough attended West Nottingham Academy for two years before entering Dickinson College. From this latter institution he received his degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1935. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and an officer of the Belles Lettres Society. Throughout his school years he had been acclaimed an all-round athlete.

Not one to be idle when school was not in session, J. Gifford Scarborough had during the summers acquired some commercial experience working in several stores. After graduation he spent one year on canal construction work, then became an educational director of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Then returning to Elkton, he entered the real estate business, and concurrent with that activity, studied law at the University of Maryland.

His education, however, was interrupted by army service. He had previously been a second lieutenant in the National Guard. His army outfit was Company E, 115th Infantry, Twenty-ninth Division. Trained at Fort Meade, he was then assigned to Military Intelligence Service with the War Department. He retired from active duty and entered the Reserve Corps with the rank of captain. He is a member of the American Legion, and of the Twenty-ninth Division Association.





Arthur W. Perdue





*Franklin P. Perdue*









*B. P. Small*

His senior year at law college followed this military career, and he took law examinations and was admitted to the Maryland bar, October 29, 1946. Returning to Elkton, he became a partner in the law firm of Brown and Scarborough.

Almost simultaneously with his return to civilian life, however, he was elected a member of the Maryland House of Delegates. To this public post was added that of assistant state's attorney of Cecil County. A heavy charge of public responsibility was thus given to one who had so recently proven himself in armed conflict.

Mr. Scarborough is a member of the Cecil County and the Maryland bar associations. He is also a Kiwanian.

On February 23, 1937, he married Mary Rebecca Brown, a native of Elkton and a graduate of Goucher College. They are the parents of three children: Miriam Brown, J. Gifford, Jr., and John Leedom, II.

**WILBUR MATHAR STINCHCOMB** of Sherwood is one of the largest growers of tomatoes in that area. On his farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres he also grows wheat, corn and other farm products, and he has a fine herd of Jersey cows.

Born in Millersville, on May 2, 1911, Wilbur M. Stinchcomb is a son of Charles Winfield and Mary Ellen (Wood) Stinchcomb, the latter now eighty-two years old, and the former eighty-four. Both are natives of Millersville, where Charles Winfield Stinchcomb engaged in farming.

Wilbur M. Stinchcomb was educated in the local public schools. Until about 1933 he farmed with his parents, and since that date he has been a farmer on his own account at Sherwood, where he operates two hundred and twenty-five acres, specializing in wheat, corn, and tomatoes and also in a herd of Jersey cattle. Mr. Stinchcomb is one of the largest tomato-growers in this region, having from fifty to seventy-five acres given over to this crop. He has no other business but devotes himself wholeheartedly to farming. He is a member of the Farm Bureau and of the Sherwood Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is an independent. Mr. Stinchcomb's chief hobby is allied with his profession of farming, for he takes great interest in everything that has to do with cows. His favorite recreations are fishing and other water activities.

Wilbur Mathar Stinchcomb married at Easton on August 18, 1933, Sally Frances Tarbutton, the daughter of Edward W. Tarbutton, and they have five children: Ronald Gordon, Wilbur Gary, Sally Ann, Kay Frances, and William Guy.

**ROBLEY PARKER SMALL**—In Pocomoke City and a surrounding area, Robley Parker Small directs several lines of business, all rather directly connected with agriculture.

Mr. Small, a native of Virginia, was born on October 2, 1905, son of James Selby and Arentia Jackson (Marshall) Small, both born at Mearsville, Virginia. His father was engaged in general farming and was active in several community activities. His death occurred January 19, 1946.

After some youthful experience at farming with his father, he branched out for himself in operating trucks between southern Maryland and New York City, his cargoes consisting chiefly of farm products. This he continued to 1927, when he joined Garland Bull in a similar enterprise. In 1930 he formed a partnership that has continued since. In 1937 they purchased a

poultry supply and feed store in Pocomoke City, which they have operated under the name of Small and Bull. In 1937 also, they acquired a hatchery, with present capacity of seventy thousand chicks a week. Mr. Small also operates a farm of nearly a hundred acres, which specializes in dairying. He is a member of the Winter Quarters Country Club. His religious affiliations are with the Baptist Church.

On June 3, 1930, at Girdletree, Robley Parker Small married Audrey Malissa Jackson, daughter of Joseph Stanley and Eva Oliva (Mariner) Jackson, her mother born at Horntown, Virginia. Joseph Stanley Jackson was born at Mardela Springs, August 19, 1882, and died at Pocomoke, July 4, 1938.

**BYRON E. HARRINGTON**—Canning is an important industry in the Eastern Shore area, and a leader in this industry is Byron E. Harrington. Some years ago he succeeded his father in the management of a cannery which has since rounded out a half century of operation. Under the firm name of B. E. Harrington & Son, it is located at Taylors Island, which community Mr. Harrington also serves as postmaster.

Mr. Harrington is a native of Taylors Island, where he was born on September 29, 1896, son of B. E. and Frances (Smith) Harrington. His mother came from Madison, Maryland. Both parents are now deceased. After attending the local schools and Cambridge High School, Byron Harrington continued his education at the Tome School. Even during his school years he had, of course, been in constant contact with the canning business. Established by his father in 1893, this enterprise had grown, and the firm dealt successfully in fish and oysters as well. On completing his education, Byron Harrington became actively associated with his father, and when B. E. Harrington died in May, 1930, the son continued in all aspects of the business. The products of the cannery are varied, and include tomatoes, sweet potatoes, herring and herring roe. Mr. Harrington owns much of the equipment and resources necessary to the conduct of his business. He maintains a fleet of fishing boats, and his own nets and tackle. Much of the canning produce comes from his several farms, totaling four hundred acres in area, on which the principal crops are tomatoes, corn and wheat.

Active also outside of his own business, Mr. Harrington is vice president of the Cambridge Wholesale Grocery Company, and he holds several directorships, being on the board of the Franklin Credit and Finance Corporation, and of the National Bank of Cambridge. As has been mentioned, he is also postmaster of Taylors Island.

In his political views, Mr. Harrington is an independent Democrat. He is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Cambridge Yacht Club. An Episcopalian in religious faith, he serves his church as vestryman.

On February 24, 1916, Byron E. Harrington married Mary Higgins Simmons, of Cambridge, daughter of Thomas W. Simmons. They are the parents of two children: 1. Mary Frances, who is married to Robert Matthews, Jr., of Cambridge. 2. Benjamin Everett, graduate of the local schools and of MacDonald School in Baltimore, and who also attended the Tome School and Strayer's Business College. During World War II he served in the Combat Engineers, United States Army and is now in the Social Security Office in Baltimore.



**T. WOODROW WILSON** has been for many years active in Cambridge as a contractor and, since return from war service, has engaged in an impressive number of construction projects as a partner in the Choptank Construction Company.

Mr. Wilson father, John Robert Wilson, is a retired contractor, and is now associated with the firm in an advisory capacity. A native of Dorchester County, he married Catherine Bell, and T. Woodrow Wilson was born May 19, 1912. He was educated in the public schools of Cambridge, after which he served an apprenticeship in the carpenter's trade with his father, with whom he later became associated in the contracting business. The firm name was J. R. Wilson and Son, and its operations continued from 1930 to 1942, when T. Woodrow Wilson entered the service. Serving with the Construction Battalion in Alaska, Pearl Harbor and Japan, he held the rank of warrant officer. When relieved of active duty in February, 1946, he retained the same rank in the Reserve Corps.

In December, 1945, with Harlan P. Johnson and James R. Thomas as partners, he organized in Cambridge the Choptank Construction Company. Of this concern, Mr. Johnson is president, Mr. Wilson serves as vice president and general manager, while Mr. Thomas is secretary-treasurer. The firm has as its headquarters a modern plant in Cambridge, and has been responsible for the construction of many homes, in addition to such commercial buildings as the Nuttle Lumber Company, the Dayton Restaurant and the Brooks Store. At present the Choptank Construction Company is engaged in the erecting of a twenty-one-home project on Cambridge Boulevard.

In addition to being the active head of this concern, Mr. Wilson participates in civic affairs and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Together with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Thomas, he owns and operates a newly established enterprise, the Garden Apartment Corporation.

The organizations of which he is a member include the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a Past Ruler; the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and the Cambridge Yacht Club. This latter organization gives a clue to one of his hobby interests, for he is a boating enthusiast. He also enjoys hunting.

On November 20, 1936, T. Woodrow Wilson married Evelyn Mace, daughter of Charles T. Mace, of Cambridge. They are the parents of two children: Thomas Woodrow, Jr., and John Robert.

**WILLIAM H. LEONARD, JR.**—An enterprising and aggressive business man of Cambridge, active in its community affairs, William H. Leonard, Jr., is head of Dashiell & Leonard, Incorporated, which holds the Dodge and Plymouth agency for Dorchester County.

Mr. Leonard is the son of William H. and Mattie F. (Dean) Leonard. His father, a lifelong resident of Cambridge, has followed the occupation of canner. His mother is a native of Golden Hill. Mr. Leonard was born August 15, 1900, and after attending the public schools of Cambridge, entered Goldey Business College.

His early business experience was varied. As a young man he clerked for the county commissioner of Dorchester County for two and a half years. Subsequently he was bookkeeper for the oyster firm of H. L. Harris and Company, and later was employed by Seward-Woolford and Company in the same capacity. In 1933 he became the Dodge and Plymouth

dealer for Dorchester County, adopting the firm name of Dashiell & Leonard, Incorporated, and has headed the firm since that time. Today, Dashiell & Leonard, Incorporated, has a modern sales and service plant, giving employment to twelve persons, and normally sells one hundred and twenty-five new cars, and three hundred used cars, or more, per year. The concern has added to its business the Dodge truck agency, and carries a full line of parts and accessories.

Mr. Leonard is a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association, and is county secretary of the Maryland Automobile Trade Association. Taking an active part in community affairs, he is a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and during World War II, figured prominently in Cambridge's war activities, including its enthusiastically supported bond drives. His efforts in the interest of public welfare have continued, and he is now a director of the Cambridge Hospital board.

In politics, Mr. Leonard is a Republican. He is a member of the Lions, of the Cambridge Country Club, and of the Rescue Fire Company. His religious faith is Roman Catholic, and he attends St. Mary's Church. He enjoys outdoor recreations, and is an enthusiastic golfer and fisherman.

William H. Leonard, Jr., married, on November 30, 1922, Mary Blanche Seward, daughter of Edward and Emma (Rook) Seward, of Cambridge. They are the parents of two daughters: Mary Frances, who is married to Thomas A. Flowers, and Barbara Ann, a student attending Cambridge High School.

**HARRY COVINGTON BUTLER**—A practicing attorney at Centreville, Harry Covington Butler has also played an active part in local and state politics and has held a number of public offices. His has been an interesting and varied career.

He was born November 6, 1892, near Queenstown, in Queen Anne's County, the son of Charles Wrightson and Isabelle (Bryan) Butler, both natives of Queen Anne's County. The Butler family settled on the Eastern Shore as pioneers. Charles Wrightson Butler was a farmer and also an operator of freight boats, and he served two terms in the Maryland House of Delegates, the first beginning in 1904, the second beginning in 1914. Charles Wrightson and Isabelle (Bryan) Butler had six children: 1. Charles Wrightson Butler, Jr. 2. Anita Butler. 3. Julian Monroe Butler. 4. Louise, who married James B. Carter; they have three children: James B., Jr., Sarah Margaret, and Robert B. Carter. 5. Frances, who married Claude B. Anthony; they have three children: Doris, Claude B., Jr., and Frances Anthony. 6. Harry Covington Butler.

Harry Covington Butler attended the public schools of Queen Anne's County, graduating from Centreville High School in 1908. He then entered Washington College, where he was a student for two years, after which he studied at St. John's College for two years. Having made up his mind to study law, he entered the University of Maryland Law School and studied there until 1916, when he enlisted in the National Guard, serving on the Mexican border with the 3rd Infantry of the United States Army. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the regular United States Army and after his border service was transferred to the 29th Division and promoted to first lieutenant. While serving overseas during World War I, he was promoted to the rank of captain. He served as aide to General H. H. Bandholtz of the 58th Infantry Brigade of the 29th Regiment, then was transferred to the command of Company K of the 115th Infantry,







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and later Company M. He was awarded the Silver Star for bravery in action, and was discharged from the service in June, 1919. Later he helped re-organize the Maryland National Guard, becoming a major.

After being discharged from the United States Army, Mr. Butler returned to farming and followed this occupation until 1928. In 1924-1926, he served as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, having been elected to this office on the Democratic ticket. From 1928 to 1932, he helped to re-organize the Maryland State Police, holding office as captain. He again returned to farming for some years, but, in 1937, accepted an offer to assist in organizing the Maryland unemployment compensation system, which occupied him until 1941. Meantime he had again taken up the study of law, and, in 1941, he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws, and began the practice of law in Centreville. In 1942, he was elected to the office of state's attorney for Queen Anne's County, and served in this capacity until June, 1946, when he resumed private practice. During World War II, Mr. Butler took an active part in all the defense work of the community. He is a member of the American Legion, and of the Queen Anne's County and Maryland bar associations. He attends the Methodist Church.

On September 10, 1941, he married Mrs. Ruth (Purdum) Browne of Hyattsville. She is the mother of Robert Blane Browne.

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**WILLIAM HARVEY HANKS, M.D.**—Conducting a successful general practice in Cambridge, Dr. William Harvey Hanks nevertheless finds time for participation in numerous organization activities, not only of the medical profession, but of the community.

Dr. Hanks was born in Cumberland Valley on August 2, 1909, and is the son of George W. and Eliza (Oster) Hanks, both of whom were natives of Bedford County, Pennsylvania. He attended the Greenwood High School, and the University of Delaware, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1930. Continuing his studies at Jefferson Medical College, he took his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1934, and rounded out his preparation for the practice of medicine with a postgraduate course in obstetrics at Johns Hopkins University.

One year's internship at Delaware Hospital, was followed by another year at Delaware State Hospital. After two years spent at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Hanks was now ready to establish practice, and chose the city of Cambridge, locating there in 1938. His painstaking and more than complete preparation for his life task has not terminated his quest for professional knowledge. He has profited by the informative contacts of the medical associations: the Maryland and the Dorchester County medical societies, of the latter of which he is past president; and the American Medical Association. In addition he belongs to the Southern Medical Association, the International College of Surgeons, and the American Academy of General Practice.

Dr. Hanks' practice is general, although he has particular training and interest in the branches of obstetrics and gynecology. He is a member of the staff of the Cambridge Hospital, and serves his community also as a permanent member of the selective service board in Dorchester County. He enjoys taking as active part in community affairs as his extensive practice will permit.

He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Loyal Order of Moose. His

clubs are the Cambridge Country, and the Cambridge Yacht, and he is a Rotarian.

Dr. Hanks served in the United States Army during the period preceding World War II, holding the rank of captain. He is a member of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, and his religious affiliation is with the Christ Episcopal Church.

On April 13, 1934, Dr. Hanks married Kathryn Phillips, of Georgetown, Delaware. She is the daughter of James and Blanche Phillips. Dr. and Mrs. Hanks are the parents of one son, William Harvey, Jr., born July 2, 1943.

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**ALBERT L. DISHAROON** operates one of the most active contracting and building establishments on the Eastern Shore, maintaining offices at Church and Truitt streets in Salisbury. Starting his career humbly, in a number of temporary occupations in various parts of the country, Mr. Disharoon has progressed to the top of his trade; and a high proportion of the more modern buildings on the Eastern Shore are evidence of his skill.

Mr. Disharoon was born in Salisbury, May 26, 1889, son of Samuel Frank and Sallie Mary (Parsons) Disharoon. His father was a millwright at Salisbury, and a member of the Democratic party; and both parents were natives of the community where their son was likewise born and reared. He attended the Salisbury public schools, and on completion of his education, became associated with Brittingham and Parsons, a firm of millers in that city. Albert L. Disharoon remained there during 1905-1906, and worked in a lumber camp at Pee Dee, South Carolina during 1906-1907. He then went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked for a carriage company for a period of a few months. Afterwards removing to Minnesota, he worked in the harvest fields, but returned in the same year to North Carolina, and to employment in a lumber company.

Shortly, Mr. Disharoon returned to Minnesota, where he remained until 1911, working in lumber camps and as a carpenter. The latter constructive trade served to bridge his course into the contracting field. Returning to his native Salisbury in 1911, he in that same year entered the contracting business in his own name, and has so continued to the present time. He has done all kinds of contracting, until 1929 chiefly residential work, but since that year his contracts have been entirely in commercial building. He employs an average of ten persons in the Albert L. Disharoon contracting firm.

Few men have done more than Mr. Disharoon in shaping the physical outlines of the municipalities of the Eastern Shore. He has built the Colonial Building in Salisbury, the old Montgomery Ward Company store, and has rebuilt the Benjamin store, the Red Star bus terminal, and a shirt factory also in Salisbury. He has rebuilt the White and Leonard Building. Other important construction projects in which Mr. Disharoon has had a hand are the Stoltz Building, the C. and P. Warehouse and office, the Baker Storage House, the Princess Anne firehouse, the Willards school, the Berlin Mill at Berlin; railroad stations at Hebron, Maryland, Broadkill, and East New Market, and one-half a city block at Easton. He built the J. C. Penney Company store, and has rebuilt McCrory's three times. In addition, Mr. Disharoon has successfully completed over a million dollars' worth of work for Swift and Company.

He is at present engaged in the construction of



the Baptist Tabernacle on Salisbury Boulevard, and the Martin Schwartz plant, on Mill Street, which specializes in the manufacture of gas pumps. The Albert L. Disharoon construction company has recently moved its address to the corner of Church and Truitt streets in Salisbury.

Mr. Disharoon is of Catholic faith, a communicant of St. Francis' Roman Catholic Church, is a Fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and belongs also to the Holy Name Society. He is an independent in his political views.

At Salisbury, September 11, 1911, Albert L. Disharoon married Josephine Elizabeth Kelly of Salisbury, daughter of William and Fannie (Collins) Kelly, both of her parents being born in Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. Disharoon has been born one daughter, Josephine Elizabeth, who married George Edward Chevalier of Buffalo, New York, November 13, 1941. Mr. and Mrs. Chevalier have two children: George Edward and Barbara Ann, both born in Salisbury, of which their mother is a native, and where Mr. and Mrs. Disharoon still reside.

**MERTON STUMP JACKSON**—In the successful pursuit of his business activities, Merton Stump Jackson gained sufficiently the confidence of his fellow citizens of Cecil County to be elected, in 1946, their representative in the Maryland House of Delegates.

Mr. Jackson was born at Akin on December 23, 1907, the son of Edward Wilmer and Margaret (Miller) Jackson. His father was the proprietor of a mill and a farmer, and the couple were the parents of seven children: Ruth, Edward, Frances, Nelson, Merton Stump, Joseph and Henry. The origins of the family date back to pre-Revolutionary days, the Jackson family settling then on the Eastern Shore, and participating in the fight for the freedom of the Colonies.

Merton Stump Jackson, reared in Cecil County, was educated at Oakhurst Private School, and graduated from the Tome Institute in 1928. He was there active in athletics, being captain of the basketball team. After graduation he matriculated at Johns Hopkins University, taking the engineering course for two years. In the summer of 1930 he began work for the Shell Oil Company in Baltimore, remaining there until 1936 when he moved his home to Perryville. In June, 1936, he became distributor for the Shell Oil Company at Elkton, operating the firm known as Jackson and Balling Oil Company.

In January, 1944 Mr. Jackson was inducted into the Army, and assigned to the 103rd Division Medical Corps. Honorably discharged in January, 1946, he returned to his business in Elkton. In 1946 the citizens of Cecil County elected him their representative in the House of Delegates, and since that time he has discharged that public service as creditably as he had previously, his military duty. Mr. Jackson is a Republican. He is a member of the American Legion, and of the Lions Club.

On March 23, 1940, Merton Stump Jackson married a native of Cecil County, Miss Georgia Manlove. A graduate of the Towson State Normal College, Mrs. Jackson has been a teacher in the public schools of Cecil County.

**RAYMOND L. HARRISON**—With the development and use of Eastern Shore natural resources, Raymond L. Harrison, of Easton, has been engaged

for most of his business life. A native of Talbot County, Maryland, born at Whitman on February 2, 1881, he is the son of Levi F. and Elizabeth Ann (William) Harrison, both of Talbot County birth and both now deceased.

Raymond L. Harrison was raised on a farm with his parents until he became twenty-one years of age, when he became an oysterman and so continued for two or three years. He found, as many an enterprising man finds, that there was more money in the distribution of products than in producing them, and, when he was twenty-three years old, he went into the oyster packing trade under the firm title of the Sherwood Packing Company. This continued for three years, and he then became associated with his brothers, Robert and James Harrison, and also with the Sherwood Canning Company, remaining a member of both concerns until recent years. He was, at one time, superintendent of four factories.

After Mr. Harrison retired from commercial activities he resumed his interest in farming, and also acquired a good deal of real estate. On his farm of some two hundred and eighteen acres, he raises general crops like wheat, corn, and vegetables, notably tomatoes and beans. Fraternally, Mr. Harrison is affiliated with Miller Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a popular member of the Rotary Club and in politics is a Democrat. He is a member and trustee of the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church. A love of the water characterizes his recreation and he enjoys a fifty-foot yacht on local water and Chesapeake Bay.

On December 23, 1902, Raymond L. Harrison married Gladys W. Lomax, who is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison were the parents of three children: 1. Stanley Raymond (q.v.). 2. Goldey Mae, a graduate of Sherwood schools; she married Harry London, son of John T. London, and they have one son, Raymond L. 3. Margaret, who died in infancy.

**GORDON EDWARD MILBOURNE**, head of the Milbourne Oyster Company of Crisfield and first vice president of the Packers Ice & Cold Storage Company which owns and operates the local cold storage plant, is one of the most experienced seafood dealers of the entire Eastern Shore. In addition to its Crisfield plant, the Milbourne Oyster Company also operates another plant at Stockton. Mr. Milbourne has always taken an intelligent interest in the affairs of his community, and served in the Maryland Legislature for four terms.

He was born in Crisfield, October 8, 1878, the son of Littleton M. and Margaret Jane (Beauchamp) Milbourne. His father, who was born at Milbourne's Landing, was a farmer and a lifelong Democrat. His mother was born at Holland Chapel.

Gordon Edward Milbourne was educated in the Crisfield public schools. He spent two years in the employ of the Tangier Packing Company, oyster dealers at Crisfield, and three years with Riggins Brothers. In 1901, as a young man of twenty-three who had already accumulated experience in his chosen field, he went into business for himself under the name of the Milbourne Oyster Company, and has continued to pack and ship a general line of seafoods ever since. Mr. Milbourne's experience in the industry thus extends back over half a century. The concern he founded has continued to prosper and at the present time it employs over eighty people in its two plants at Crisfield and Stockton.

Mr. Milbourne continues active in the business, in partnership with his son, Morris L. Milbourne; J





SADIE L. (APPLEGARTH) NELSON



Loren Sterling; and Ira Howard. When the local seafood dealers organized recently to take over the ice and cold storage business formerly operated in Crisfield by the Eastern Shore Public Service Company, Mr. Milbourne was chosen first vice president of the newly formed Packers Ice & Cold Storage Company which now owns this plant. He is a leading member of the Crisfield Sea Food Packers Association. A Democrat by political affiliation, Mr. Milbourne sat in the Maryland Legislature for four terms, from 1916 to 1922, and he has always taken a keen interest in civic affairs. He serves as a member of the board of trustees in the Asbury Methodist Church.

Gordon Edward Milbourne married (first) Eva M. Hayman, who died in 1927. He married (second) Addie C. Sterling. He has had five children, all of them born in Crisfield: Morris L. Milbourne, now associated with him in the family business; the twins Naomi Margaret and Ruth M.; Agnes Virginia, now deceased; and Shirley Frances.

**THOMAS JAMES KEATING, III**, has been practicing law in his native Centreville for more than twenty years, and is active in community affairs. He saw service in both World Wars and is a leading member of the American Legion.

He was born September 7, 1898, at Centreville, the son of Judge Thomas James, Jr., and Leila Parker (Bash) Keating. The Keating family in Centreville stems from Michael Keating, great-grandfather of Thomas James Keating, III, who came to the United States from Ireland in 1816 and, after settling for a short time in Delaware, moved to Centreville about 1820. He was a school teacher. He married Elizabeth Frances Palmer, a native of Queen Anne's County, and they had seven children: 1. Thomas James Keating, Sr. 2. Michael Keating, Jr. 3. William Deveraux Keating. 4. B. Palmer Keating. 5. Martha Jane Keating, who married first, a Mr. Roberts and second, A. R. Weedon. 6. Mary Keating, who married a Mr. Chambers. 7. Margaret Keating.

Thomas James Keating, Sr., oldest child of Michael and Elizabeth Frances (Palmer) Keating, was born in 1826 and died in 1898. He graduated from Princeton University in 1849 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and for many years practiced law in Centreville, and also was the editor and publisher of the Queen Anne's County "States Rights." In 1880 he served as the State Comptroller of Maryland. He married Sarah Frances Webster of Harford County.

Judge Thomas James Keating, Jr., son of Thomas James Keating, Sr., was born in Centreville on January 22, 1872. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1893 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws and practiced law in Centreville until he became judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland in 1922. He served as such until he retired in January, 1942. From 1919 to 1922 he had held the post of Commissioner of Insurance for the State of Maryland. On November 24, 1897, he married Leila Parker Bash, a native of Baltimore, and they had four children: Thomas J. Keating, III; Leila Parker Keating; Mary Ker Keating; and Sarah Frances Webster Keating.

Thomas James Keating, III, is thus the third generation of his family to follow the profession of the law in Centreville. He attended the local elementary schools and then St. James School near Hagerstown, where he graduated in 1916. At this school he was active in sports, playing both baseball and basketball. He then entered Trinity College, at Hartford, Connecticut, where he was a student until April, 1917,

when the United States declared war upon Germany and he enlisted in the United States Army. He trained at Camp McClellan, Alabama, was assigned to the 110th Field Artillery and saw active service overseas. He was discharged on June 2, 1919. He then returned to Trinity College for one year, after which he entered Princeton University, where he graduated in 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. At Trinity College he was a member of Delta Psi fraternity, and at Princeton he was a member of the Cannon Club. He next studied law at the University of Maryland Law School, graduating in 1925, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. While a college student, Mr. Keating had worked during the summers, and during the period that he was studying law at the University of Maryland, he worked first for the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company and then for the Fidelity and Deposit Company. He continued in the latter post until 1926, when he returned to Centreville and began the practice of law. He has been actively engaged in practice ever since, except for the period of World War II.

On June 25, 1942, he was commissioned captain in the United States Army Air Forces and was stationed at the Richmond Army Air Base as assistant director of operations and training engaged in training fighter pilots. He was promoted to the rank of major and retired from active service in November, 1944. Mr. Keating is an active member of the American Legion and has served as post commander and district vice commander. He belongs to the bar associations of Queen Anne's County and the State of Maryland, and is a director of the Centreville Bank of Maryland. He has also served as a vice president, as well as on various committees, of the Princeton Alumni Association of Maryland, of which he is an active member. He is a member of the Bachelors' Cotillon of Baltimore. Mr. Keating's principal interest in sports has been fox hunting and for several years he served as Master of the Corsica Fox Hounds and the Queen Anne's County Hounds. He has been for a number of years a member of the Masters of Fox Hounds Association of America and of the American Fox Hound Association, and has officiated as a judge at various hound shows and horse shows. He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

On September 24, 1935, at Helensborough, Scotland, he married Eileen Hope Prosser, a native of Helensborough, who had received her education in Scotland and England. Thomas James, III, and Eileen Hope (Prosser) Keating are the parents of two children: 1. Thomas James Keating, IV, born December 14, 1937. 2. Michael Patrick Keating, born February 1, 1940.

**OSCAR W. NELSON** is one of the partners of White & Nelson, one of the largest packers and canners of seafood on the Eastern Shore, with plants at Hoopersville and Cambridge. The firm also cans tomatoes extensively, and at times employs as many as four hundred persons.

Oscar W. Nelson was born at Hoopersville on August 14, 1887, the son of Edmund R. and Sadie L. (Applegarth) Nelson, both now deceased, the former a native of Wicomico County, the latter of Dorchester County. Mr. Nelson's father was a salesman. Sadie (Applegarth) Nelson was born August 15, 1856, and died February 10, 1923, at Hoopersville.

Oscar W. Nelson received his education in the local public schools. He grew up in the oystering industry. In 1912, at the age of twenty-five, he went into busi-

ness with Rufus A. White at Hoopersville, under the firm name of White & Nelson, and this firm prospered. When Rufus A. White died in 1927 his interests were taken over by his brother Ulman White, the firm name remaining the same. That same year White & Nelson bought out the J. M. Clayton plant at Hoopersville at the end of the pier. In 1924 they had bought out Reilly Creighton at Fishing Creek. They operated all these plants until 1940, when the old Clayton plant on the pier was burned, and they moved that business ashore and built a modern plant in Hoopersville. In October, 1945, they bought the I. F. Cannon & Sons property in Cambridge and have completely remodeled it. In the Cambridge plant they shuck and can oysters and crabs and also some fish, and their tomato canning is on a large scale. At Hoopersville they pack seafood and tomatoes, and at Fishing Creek seafood only. At peak seasons they employ a force of about four hundred persons. They have over forty thousand square feet of floor space, and in 1947 they were the largest packers of crabs in the state of Maryland. They operate several boats of their own, and pack under the name of Honga Brand in addition to supplying several jobbers. Mr. Nelson's two sons are now associated with him in the business. White & Nelson are members of the National Cannery Association, the Tri-State Packers Association, and the Chesapeake Bay Seafoods Association.

Mr. Nelson, who still makes his home in Hoopersville, is very active in community affairs, and has served as the chairman of nearly all the drives for funds for civic and philanthropic projects in the Hoopers Island district. He is a staunch Democrat and active on the state central committee of the party. A member of the Methodist Church, he serves as a trustee and a member of its official board.

He married on February 14, 1906, Violet V. White of Hoopersville, the daughter of George H. White. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are the parents of three children: 1. Leila, a graduate of the local schools, and of Maryland State Normal School, she married John T. Adams, a judge in the Orphans Court, and they have one child, John T., Jr. 2. Edmund A., born June 16, 1920, a graduate of Cambridge High School and Strayer's Business College, who is now active in the business of White & Nelson. During World War II he served as a captain in the United States Marine Corps, and although discharged in May, 1946, he is still a member of the Reserve Corps. He is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and of the local post of the American Legion. He married Anita Ross of Pasadena, California. 3. Oscar W., Jr., born September 20, 1922, a graduate of Cambridge High School, and of Strayer's Business College, and now associated with White & Nelson. He served as a radioman, first class, in the United States Navy, aboard P.T. boats in the European Theater of Operations, Mediterranean, and Pacific. He married Mary Lowe, and they have one child, Oscar Allen.

**ALBERT ANTON BURGARD, M.D.**—Since August, 1933, Dr. Albert Anton Burgard has been practicing medicine at Rock Hall. Dr. Burgard came to the United States as an emigrant from Germany, and became a naturalized American citizen. He has identified himself with the interests of his Maryland community and is active in the medical associations of county, state, and nation.

He was born November 13, 1893, near Itzehoe, Germany, the son of Joseph C. and Rosetta (Greve)

Burgard, both natives of Germany. Joseph C. Burgard was the manager of a manufacturing plant, and he and his wife had three children: 1. Joseph Burgard. 2. Albert Anton Burgard. 3. Martha, who married Franz Borchard. The brother and sister of our subject still reside in Germany.

Albert Anton Burgard attended the public schools of his native locality, studying in the elementary school for three years and in the gymnasium schools for nine years. He then entered upon medical training, studying in Munich, Erlangen, and Hamburg, and graduating, in 1920, as physician and surgeon. Meantime his career had been interrupted by World War I, but his medical experience gained in the course of his military duties proved to be a rich asset professionally. He enlisted in the German Army in 1914, as a common soldier, and was discharged in 1918, as an officer, being Feldhilfsarzt, or assistant field medical director. He served internships in Hamburg and Leipzig, and served as physician on a German troop transport for nine months. In 1923, Dr. Burgard began the private practice of medicine in Mindelheim, Germany, and he continued to practice for nine years, until 1932, when he came to the United States. He settled first in Wilmington, becoming an intern at the St. Francis Hospital of Wilmington, Delaware, and later becoming resident physician at this hospital. In August of the following year, he moved to Rock Hall and began to practice there. Dr. Burgard is an American citizen, and he takes a keen interest in the medical associations of county and state and the American Medical Association, to all of which he belongs.

On May 17, 1923, Dr. Burgard married Louise Durst, a native of Kempten, Germany, and they have one son, Harold Albert Burgard. During World War II, he served in the United States Air Corps and later as an intelligence agent for the United States in Germany.

**ROBERT ANNER SHALLCROSS**, in addition to his activities as a farmer and an insurance agent, has served his fellow citizens of Rock Hall and Kent County in a number of public offices, including that of Maryland State Senator.

He was born January 2, 1881, near Chesterville, the son of Robert Anner and Katherina (Jones) Shallcross. Robert Anner Shallcross, Sr., who was a farmer, was born December 5, 1852, near Frankfort, Pennsylvania, and died on January 20, 1901, in Kent County. Katherina (Jones) Shallcross was born about 1857, near Cecilton, and died in 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anner Shallcross, Sr., were the parents of two children: 1. Robert Anner Shallcross, Jr. 2. Preston Jones Shallcross of Rock Hall. He married Nettie M. Mullikin, and they had four children: Helen A.; Jeannette, who married Mr. Hall; Preston Jones, Jr.; and George Mullikin.

Robert Anner Shallcross, the younger, grew up on his father's farm, attending the country schools of Kent County. He remained with his father until the latter's death in 1901, and spent the next four years farming with his uncle. In 1905 he became an agent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company at Chestertown, but that same year he was transferred to Rock Hall, where he established his home. He continued to serve as agent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company until 1914, when he became a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, having



been elected the previous year. During the strenuous years of World War I, from 1914 to 1918, he entered the hauling and trucking business in Kent County, and, from 1921 to 1924, he operated a trucking service from Chestertown to Baltimore via the Chesapeake Ferry. In 1924 he began farming near Rock Hall. Two years later he was elected clerk of the circuit court of Kent County, and he was four times re-elected to this post, serving a total of nineteen years, until 1947. In 1946 he was elected to the Maryland State Senate from Kent County. He has also served as a member of the Rock Hall town council. Mr. Shallcross is an active member of the Rock Hall Methodist Church and serves on the board of trustees.

On January 21, 1909, he married Nannie Rebecca Taylor, a native of Rock Hall. Mrs. Shallcross has been organist of the Methodist Church for a number of years and she is one of the most devoted members of that church, taking part in many of its activities.

**SEWELL HENRY DOVE** is senior partner of the firm of Sewell H. Dove & Son, dealers in fertilizer, selling all over the Eastern Shore region. The firm is agent for the F. S. Royster Guano Company of Baltimore and the Davidson Chemical Corporation of Baltimore and also handles the S. W. Barrick line.

Mr. Dove was born on a farm in Wicomico County on December 12, 1892, the son of Aurelius Henry and Laura E. (Townsend) Dove, the former deceased, the latter still living. His father was a farmer. After attending the public schools of Salisbury, Sewell H. Dove worked on a farm in Wicomico County until he was twenty-two. Then he came to Salisbury and worked at various jobs. For a time he was in the employ of the S. O. Johnson Candy Company, a concern that no longer exists. He then worked as clerk in the freight station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, holding this position for some twelve years. During the depression he was forced to look for other work, and he became a clerk on the wharf of the Victor Lynn Lines Company, working there for ten years. At the end of this period he decided to go into business for himself as a dealer in fertilizers. He sells all over the Eastern Shore, and holds the agency for the F. S. Royster Guano Company and the Davidson Chemical Corporation of Baltimore, in addition to handling the S. W. Barrick line. In 1947 his son Ercell Sewell Dove became a partner in the fertilizer business, which now operates under the firm name of Sewell H. Dove & Son. Mr. Dove is a member of Asbury Methodist Church of Salisbury.

He married on August 17, 1911, at Salisbury, Lillie K. Robinson of Melville, Delaware, the daughter of James and Martha (Derrickson) Robinson, her father being a farmer of Sussex County, Delaware. Mr. and Mrs. Dove became the parents of one son, Ercell Sewell Dove, born November 20, 1922. He served in World War II in the United States Army, being sent overseas in a field artillery replacement unit. In England he was attached to the 5th Division, 10th Cannon Company, and later was transferred to General Eisenhower's headquarters, SHAEF, being stationed in the telephone communication outfit. He saw action in France, in the Rhineland and in the forward detachment in Germany, setting up communications. He was discharged on December 8, 1945, with rank of staff sergeant, and in 1947 became a partner in his

father's business. He married on October 2, 1947, Dorris Alexiana Speicer of Golden Hill, in Dorchester County.

**QUINTON GORE NOTTINGHAM**, descendant of one of the oldest families on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, has for a number of years filled a prominent place in his community, Eastville, as an attorney. His competence in legal practice, and his laudable public spirit, have led to his service to both his local and national government in the capacity of commissioner. In addition to his professional pursuits, he has successfully engaged in farming, and operates about one thousand acres of land in Northampton County.

Mr. Nottingham, who was born in Eastville, Virginia, September 3, 1896, is a son of E. Fitchett and Margaret (Harmanson) Nottingham. His mother died in 1922. E. Fitchett Nottingham, a farmer and raiser of fine horses, survived his wife by many years, passing away in 1947. The Nottingham family, long established on the Eastern Shore, came from England to Virginia in Colonial times. His grandfather was Thomas Henry Nottingham, a lifelong resident of Northampton County, where he operated a large plantation by slave labor until the time of the Civil War. He married Miss Fitchett, a native of Northampton County. Edward Nottingham, father of Quinton Gore Nottingham, was born near Eastville in 1861, and passed his entire life in that vicinity, operating extensive farming interests. He was a Democrat, and affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. His wife, Margaret Harmanson, was a daughter of James Robins Harmanson, a distinguished Confederate soldier and officer who lost his life at the battle of Seven Pines. Margaret (Harmanson) Nottingham was born in Accomack County in 1860. Of the three children of Edward Fitchett and Margaret (Harmanson) Nottingham, Quinton Gore is the youngest, there being an elder brother Thomas H. and sister Margaret Harmanson.

Beginning his education in the public schools of Eastville, Virginia, Quinton Gore Nottingham later attended the Episcopal High School at Alexandria, then entered William and Mary College. His legal studies were pursued at the University of Virginia. Mr. Nottingham rendered military service to his country during World War I, when he enlisted in the Richmond Blues, First Virginia Cavalry, an outfit which became a component of the 29th Division in France.

Mr. Nottingham was admitted to the bar in 1920, and established himself in the practice of law in his native city of Eastville. For one term he served as Commonwealth Attorney for Northampton County, and he has also served as shell fish commissioner for two years, taking office in 1921. He is at present United States Commissioner. He acted as referee under the farm moratorium act. In all of these offices he has served ably and conscientiously, and to the complete satisfactions of his colleagues and the public.

Owning several farms consisting of over one thousand acres in Northampton County, Mr. Nottingham engages in their operation as an avocation, keeping over six hundred acres of his holdings under cultivation. He is a member of the Northampton Lodge, No. 234, of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Eastville, and attends the Episcopal Church there.

At Eastville, September 6, 1924, Quinton Gore Nottingham married Elizabeth Kendall Ailworth, daughter of Robert L. Ailworth, a United States Marshal,



and Ellen (Kendall) Ailworth. To Mr. and Mrs. Nottingham has been born one child, a daughter, Elizabeth Ailworth, born July 29, 1925, and married to George Willis, III, of Cape Charles, Virginia. One child was born to this marriage: Kendall Quinton Willis, on November 19, 1948.

**LLOYD CARROLL HOPKINS**, president of Construction Services, Inc., of Salisbury, a concern engaged in both heavy and light construction and employing an average of thirty-six persons, has spent over twenty years in the building and construction industry and is well known on the Eastern Shore. He established Construction Services, Inc., of which he is president and his wife vice president and secretary, after the end of World War II, and is building up a substantial business.

Mr. Hopkins was born in Salisbury, July 3, 1905, the son of L. Carroll and Medora E. (Taylor) Hopkins. L. Carroll Hopkins, who was born near Salisbury, has been a contractor in Salisbury all of his life. Medora E. (Taylor) Hopkins is a native of Siloam, Maryland. Lloyd Carroll Hopkins attended the Salisbury public school and graduated from high school in 1923. He attended St. John's College at Annapolis for one year and took home study courses in engineering.

After leaving college he became associated with his father in the contracting business and was associated with him until World War II. During the war, Lloyd Carroll Hopkins was with the United States Navy Department and the United States Maritime Commission. Following the war, the business known as Construction Services, Inc., was formed in Salisbury, with offices on Mt. Hermon Road, and Mr. Hopkins became its president, his wife becoming vice president and secretary. The company, which employs an average of thirty-six persons, has been engaged in both heavy and light construction. Mr. Hopkins is a leading member of the Mt. Hermon Methodist Church, in which he is church lay leader, chairman of the official board, and a member of the board of stewards and of the board of trustees. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 817 of Salisbury, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is a member of Phi Sigma Kappa college fraternity. Mr. Hopkins's hobby is music.

On November 28, 1928, at Elkton, Lloyd Carroll Hopkins was married to Louise Marie Baus of Salisbury, the daughter of the late Louis I. Baus, Jr., and Ronie Catherine (Walston-Baus) Venables. Mrs. Hopkins is a graduate of Western Maryland College, Westminster, Maryland, and was a professional social worker for fourteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins are the parents of three children: 1. Lloyd Carroll Hopkins, Jr., born September 27, 1929, and now a student at Salisbury State Teachers College. 2. Louis Baus Hopkins, born November 11, 1930, attended the Johns Hopkins University for two years and is now at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, class of 1953. 3. Janice Louise Hopkins, born May 28, 1933, a student at Wicomico High School in Salisbury.

**WILLIAM WILSON BRATTON**—Among the younger attorneys of Maryland whose present activities and past record hold promise of a conspicuous career, stands William Wilson Bratton. Since estab-

lishing his private legal practice in Elkton, Mr. Bratton has joined fully and constructively in civic and fraternal activities.

Born at Elkton on November 6, 1913, William Wilson Bratton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Daniel Bratton. On completing his secondary education in the Elkton schools in 1932, he graduated from high school as head of his class. Entering Western Maryland College at Westminster, Mr. Wilson became a member and subsequently president of Delta Pi Alpha. He was member also of the Psi Beta Society, the Tau Kappa Alpha fraternity, and the Forensic Society. He was active as member of student government groups, and once again president of the senior class. He took his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1936.

These early indications of leadership qualities were borne out later by his military and professional records. The former began when he became cadet commander, Reserve Officers Training Corps, with rank of lieutenant colonel.

In the fall of 1936, he began teaching in the high school in Glen Burnie, and for the next three and a half terms taught in Perryville High School, until the call to armed service interrupted his teaching career. Having been a second lieutenant in the National Guards, the young man's army service career began in 1941. Assigned to Company E, 115th Infantry, 29th Division, he saw action in the European Theater of Operations. Later he was assigned to the Military Intelligence Service, being chief of his section. Retiring from active service, he became a lieutenant colonel in the Reserve Corps. Later he gave up this rank to return to the National Guards, accepting a commission of major. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, and a member of the 29th Regiment Association.

Mr. Bratton had had his eye on a legal career before his army service, and while teaching, had been attending law school. Taking his return to civilian life as an opportunity to reorient himself occupationally, he completed his legal studies, and earned his Bachelor of Laws degree in June, 1946.

Returning to his native town of Elkton, he entered private law practice, and though his career is only just fairly launched, he has already given evidence of varied activity and leadership abilities, as was true during his days of education and army experience. He is a member of the Cecil County Bar Association, and of the Rotary Club, and is a trustee and elder of the Presbyterian Church.

William Wilson Bratton married, on February 22, 1947, Miss Julie Hallahan. The couple had met while they were both serving in England, he in the United States Army, she with the Queen Alexandra Royal Naval Nursing Reserves.

**JOSEPH S. BARNES**, the present mayor of Easton, has to his credit an excellent record as banker and business man, as well as civic-minded citizen. He has filled a number of responsible posts in Easton, and in addition to being vice president of the Liberty Bank, is treasurer of the Trappe Canning Company. His notable executive qualities were recognized when the citizens of Easton wisely chose him as their civic head.

The son of J. Harry and Alice (Sullivan) Barnes, both of Trappe, Joseph S. Barnes was born in that community on November 11, 1899. Although his father is now dead, his mother has lived to see her son as mayor of Easton, in which city she now dwells.

Mr. Barnes received his education in the public and



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high schools of Trappe. His first employment was in the Trappe bank, which he entered as a clerk in 1918, remaining until 1922. Coming to Easton, he assumed the post of cashier in the Liberty Bank there, so remaining until the beginning of 1948, when he was elected vice president.

In the meantime Mr. Barnes had become active in civic affairs. Elected president of the city council to serve from 1940 until 1942, he was in the latter year selected as a logical candidate in the mayoralty contest of that year. Elected to office, he has served with distinction since. In politics he is an independent Democrat. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and past president of the Rotary, as well as being active in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Professionally he is affiliated with the American Bankers Association. He has served as treasurer of the Maryland Bankers Association, and as chairman of Group 5 of that organization. In religious faith, Mr. Barnes is Methodist, being a member of the official board of Ebenezer Methodist Church. As a hobby, he enjoys gunning.

On March 14, 1921, Joseph S. Barnes married Vivian Corkran, of Trappe, daughter of Oswald L. and Olivia (Millikin) Corkran. Her father is a merchant in that place.

#### NELLIE CROMWELL (BROWN) WHITELEY

—One of the foremost public servants of Queen Anne's County and for many years a leading resident of Centreville, Nellie Cromwell (Brown) Whiteley has demonstrated unusual ability and has merited the confidence of many warm personal friends and professional colleagues.

Mrs. Whiteley was born December 25, 1909, in Queen Anne's County, daughter of Joseph Kennard and Grace (Gardner) Brown. The family was one of the first to settle in this region, and Joseph Kennard Brown carried on the family tradition when he became prominent as an agriculturist. Nellie Brown attended the local country schools and was graduated from Centreville High School, in 1927. She then took courses at a business college, preparing herself for a career. After completing her formal education, she became associated with Madison Brown, a well-known Centreville attorney, as his secretary. Four years later, in 1931, having gained much valuable experience in legal procedure and court methods, she joined the office of the Queen Anne's County Clerk of the Circuit Court as record clerk. There she rendered exceptional service and, in 1941, her efforts were rewarded when she was promoted to the rank of chief deputy clerk. In 1947 she was again promoted, this time to the position of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Queen Anne's County. Since then she has continued to carry out her duties with fidelity and distinction.

She is active in the community, and in religious faith is an Episcopalian, attending the local Episcopal Church.

On April 21, 1932, Nellie Cromwell Brown was married to John Harman Whiteley, a native of Centreville.

**SAMUEL ROBERT LEONARD** is a successful farmer of Tilghman, who has also served his county as road supervisor.

Born at Bay Hundred, Talbot County, on May 23, 1902, Mr. Leonard is the son of Samuel Robert and Mary (Wright) Leonard. His father was a farmer in

Bay Hundred, and is now deceased. His mother, a native of Baltimore, is still living.

Raised on his father's farm, Samuel Leonard attended the local public schools, then assisted his father in farm management until the age of twenty. At that time he entered the employ of the county as road supervisor from Tilghman to Kirkman, holding this post for the next eleven years. Thereafter he began farming on Tilghman Island, remaining there until 1944 when he moved south of Sherwood. This present holding, owned by Mrs. Russell Harrison, contains two hundred and twenty-eight acres, of which one hundred and sixty acres are tillable. Mr. Leonard's chief crops are corn, wheat and tomatoes. He has ten head of Guernseys, and keeps about two hundred hogs.

Mr. Leonard remains active in local affairs. He is a member of the Farm Bureau, and of the Tilghman Methodist Episcopal Church. In political affiliation he is a Democrat.

On November 15, 1922, Samuel Robert Leonard married Hilda Bertha Lednum of Wittman, daughter of Bertley and Ethel Virginia (Haddaway) Lednum. Their children are: 1. Harry Kennedy, associated with his father on the farm. He married Jean Elizabeth Harrison, and they have a daughter, Beverly Jean. 2. Shirley Mae, graduate of the local schools and St. Michaels. She is married to Bernard W. Smith, Jr. 3. Bobbie Delores, a graduate of St. Michaels High School, attending the State Teachers College at Salisbury.

**HENRY G. SIMPERS, M.D.**—Since shortly after the turn of the century, Dr. Henry G. Simpvers has been a physician and surgeon in his native Chestertown. The years have brought him reputation and the high esteem of the many he has served professionally. His public-spirited co-operation with community affairs has added to the respect and affection in which he is held by a host of friends and acquaintances.

Dr. Simpvers comes from an English family, members of which settled in Cecil County, several generations ago. Grandfather Henry G. Simpvers served as chaplain with the Union Army during the War Between the States. His son, John H. Simpvers, born in Cecil County, married Mary A. H. Vannort, of Kent County, both of whom are now deceased. They were the parents of five children: 1. Henry G., of whom further. 2. William V., died in infancy. 3. Frank V. 4. (John) Raymond. 5. Earl D. John H. Simpvers, a merchant in business, was for eighteen years a Judge of the Orphans Court.

Dr. Henry G. Simpvers was born in Chestertown, on January 22, 1874, and, after attending the public schools of his birthplace, entered Washington College, where he was graduated in 1895, with the Bachelor of Arts degree. For his medical education he matriculated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons (now affiliated with the Medical College of the University of Maryland), and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1899. During the same period in which he was earning his medical degree, he also was studying for his Master's degree in Arts from Washington College, which he received in that same year, 1899.

For the most part Dr. Simpvers worked his way to gain his academic and professional degrees, mainly in a crate and box factory. From medical school he went with the Baltimore City Hospital as an intern, and when, in 1900, he initiated a practice in Chestertown, he was exceptionally well prepared for the career he



had chosen, and to which he has since devoted his best skill and energy. He keeps in touch with medical and surgical progress and methods, and with colleagues, as a member of the American Medical Association, the Maryland State Medical Association, the Kent County Medical Association, and other organizations in his field. During both World Wars, Dr. Simpers served the Selective Service Board as an examiner and was active in all defense work. He served for seven years as county health officer and was also physician for the county and city. He is now physician for Washington College, and is a director of the Chestertown Bank of Maryland. Fraternally, Dr. Simpers is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, a past master of his lodge. He is a former member of the Rotary Club, and is a member of the Methodist Church.

On November 14, 1900, Dr. Henry G. Simpers married Marie J. Townsend, a native of Montgomery County. Dr. and Mrs. Simpers are the parents of two daughters: 1. Mary Eugenia, who married Elias W. Nuttle, and they have one son: Henry Lee. 2. Helen Vannort, who serves as an assistant to the business manager of Washington College.

**LEWIS C. MERRYMAN** came to Salisbury with extensive experience in the practice of law. He has gained prominence not only from his private practice but for his efficient performance in posts of public trust.

Mr. Merryman was born in Corbett, Baltimore County, August 12, 1895. His father was Marion Hay Merryman, a contractor and builder of Towson, and his mother's maiden name was Clara Virginia Green. After education in public and high schools in Baltimore County, Lewis Merryman attended Johns Hopkins University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree with the class of 1918. He then entered Harvard Law School, receiving his degree in 1921.

Admitted to the bar February 10, 1922, Mr. Merryman opened his first office in Baltimore, remaining there until 1925. He then moved to Easton, where he continued his practice until 1927. Mr. Merryman next practiced in Ocean City, but removed in 1930 to Salisbury, where he has practiced since that time.

One of Mr. Merryman's more important cases was that of *Walks versus Humphreys*, which was tried in 1935. It tested the constitutionality of the existing magistrate court system which, having been held unconstitutional by the local court, was upheld by the Court of Appeals. As a result, the present People's Court and trial magistrate system was established by the Legislature.

While practicing in Ocean City, Mr. Merryman was elected to the office of justice of the peace. In 1932 he was appointed United States Commissioner for a four-year term, and since that time has been re-appointed for three successive four-year terms.

Mr. Merryman is vice president of the Wicomico County Bar Association, and is a member of the Maryland Bar Association. In political affiliation he is a Democrat. He attends St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church.

At Chestertown, in April, 1925, Lewis C. Merryman married Juanita Evelyn Reese, daughter of Joseph and Florence E. (Causey) Reese. They are the parents of four children: 1. Juanita Carlyn, born January 15, 1927, married to William B. Myers, of Webb City, Missouri. 2. Lewis Carl, born August

4, 1930. 3. Judith Reese, born May 28, 1933. 4. Robert Gwynn, who was born September 16, 1940.

**GEORGE ARTHUR McDANIEL**—After completing his academic education and a brief experience in printing, George Arthur McDaniel returned to his native Caroline County and has since continued in the publishing business for the past eighteen years. He has entered many phases of local and Maryland life in activities that range from civic organizations to the state legislature.

He was born in Denton, on October 3, 1908, son of George A. and Cora (Utz) McDaniel, his father, now retired, being also a native of Denton. His mother was born in Frederick County. George Arthur McDaniel prepared for higher education in the public schools of his birthplace, being graduated from high school in 1925. He then studied for two years at the Blue Ridge College before matriculating at Bridgewater College, where he received the degree Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1930. He had participated in various campus activities as an undergraduate, and from Bridgewater went to Laurel, Delaware, where he engaged in the printing business. After a year he returned to Federalsburg to purchase the "Federalsburg Times," which he has since operated with marked success.

Quite naturally he has been prominent in the life of the county seat of Caroline County, and wields a great deal of influence in its affairs. A staunch Republican, his abilities and standing have been called upon for public service and he currently is a member of the Maryland State Legislature. Mr. McDaniel is a popular and constructive member of the Federalsburg Chamber of Commerce, and is a member and past president of the Rotary Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Nanticoke Lodge, No. 172, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; member of Edenton Chapter, No. 36, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is a High Priest; Chesapeake Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar; and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is a member of the Caroline-Dorchester Past Masters Association. He attends the Union Methodist Church, and is a teacher of its Sunday school. For hobbies he has taken a keen interest in philately and in photography.

On October 3, 1931, George Arthur McDaniel married Etta May Hottle, of Manassas, Virginia, and they are the parents of two children, both attending local schools: 1. George Arthur, III. 2. Sonya.

**KEMPER GOFFIGON, JR.**, has been instrumental in building up the Eastern Shore of Virginia Produce Exchange, for which he acts as agent, to the point where it is second to none in Northampton County. He is a man of versatile abilities, managing a farm, and also a farm machinery business. He is well liked and one of the most progressive business men of the Eastern Shore. Mr. Goffigon makes his home in lower Northampton County on his farm, "Farmer's Delight."

He was born on this farm October 10, 1894. His parents were Kemper and Annie Pinckney (Thompson) Goffigon. He attended the public schools of Northampton County, then entered Fredericksburg College, from which he graduated in 1912, and attended Goldey Business College in Wilmington, Delaware, in the class of 1913.





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After completing his education, Mr. Goffigon became an agent for the Eastern Shore of Virginia Produce Exchange, located at Onley, Virginia. This concern has become the largest of its kind in Northampton County. He continues in this connection, but is busy also in others. Since completing his schooling he has been engaged in managing his own farm, and more recently has entered the farm machinery business, retailing all farmers' needs. He also plays an active role in civic affairs, being a member of the board of supervisors of Northampton County. He is a Democrat in his political allegiance, is a member of the Rotary Club of Cape Charles, and of the Holmes Presbyterian Church.

Kemper Goffigon, Jr., married, November 15, 1917, in Cheriton, Virginia, Fannie Cooke, daughter of George and Nannie (Haley) Cooke. To them have been born three children: 1. Kemper Goffigon, III, born September 7, 1919. 2. Long H., born May 11, 1921. 3. Francis Cooke, born February 28, 1928.

**CLARENCE IRVING BENSON, M.D.**—Dr. Clarence Irving Benson has been a practicing physician and surgeon in Port Deposit since 1911, and has made a unique place for himself in the community. He was born September 25, 1886, at Catonsville, in Baltimore County, the son of the late Dr. Benjamin Robert and Mary E. (Armacost) Benson, both of whom were natives of Baltimore County and both of whom had been born on the same day, January 6, 1854. The Bensons had been early settlers in Maryland and a prominent family. Dr. Benjamin Robert Benson was a graduate of the University of Maryland, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1873. After practicing for two years at Taneytown, he set up in practice at Cockeysville and continued as a practicing physician there until his death. Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Robert Benson had seven children: 1. Carroll Price Benson. 2. Beulah Miller, who married R. G. Koontz. 3. Mary Armacost, who died at the age of nine. 4. Dr. Benjamin Robert Benson, Jr., a physician, who died in 1936, as the result of an accident. 5. Dr. Clarence Irving Benson. 6. Emery Wilhide Benson. 7. Mattie Elizabeth, who married G. M. Brooks.

Clarence Irving Benson was educated in the local public schools and at Boys Latin School, which was conducted by James A. Dunham, after which he entered the University of Maryland, graduating, in 1909, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He was a member of Kappa Psi fraternity. After graduation he served as intern at Columbus Hospital and later at the Lying-In Hospital of New York City. In 1911 he came to Port Deposit and began the private practice of medicine, in association with Dr. G. H. Richards, Sr. He continued this association up until Dr. Richards' death in 1932, and since that time has practiced alone. He is a member of the staff of Harford County Hospital. Through the years Dr. Richards has visited various hospitals for clinical training, in the effort to keep abreast of developments in his profession. During World War I, he was a member of the local draft board, and, in World War II, he was active in all defense drives. He served for a number of years on the Port Deposit School Board. Dr. Benson is a Democrat by political affiliation, and is a member of the Methodist Church. He is a member of County, State and American medical associations.

He married, on February 14, 1914, Marjory Knauss, a native of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. She died in 1922. On November 25, 1936, he married Margaret H. Benson.

**JOHN STATON WHALEY**—Since 1920 widely recognized as one of the leading attorneys of Snow Hill, John Staton Whaley has done much to further the progress of the legal profession in this city. His just treatment of clients and excellent judgment have gained for him the admiration and respect of all those who have dealt with him both professionally and as a private citizen.

Mr. Whaley was born at Whaleyville, Maryland, on November 15, 1895, son of Benton Harris and Edna Marion (Staton) Whaley. His father, a prominent physician of Whaleyville and in politics an ardent Democrat, passed away in 1896. His mother, who was born in 1869, died in September, 1941.

John Whaley received his elementary education in the public schools of Snow Hill, and was graduated from high school there. He then attended the Mercersburg Academy from which he received a degree in the class of 1915. Later he attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Maryland.

In 1920, after completing his formal academic training, Mr. Whaley was admitted to the Maryland bar, and in September of that year he commenced the practice of law at Snow Hill with an uncle, John W. Staton, under the firm name of Staton and Whaley. This enterprise continued successfully until 1930. At this time the partnership took on an added member, becoming known as Staton, Whaley and Price. Since that time the firm has carried on a general practice and its reputation has grown, in large part through the efforts and talents of Mr. Whaley.

In addition to his professional legal connections, he is active in the work of the American Bar Association, the Maryland State Bar Association, and the Worcester County Bar Association. He is a former member of the Maryland State Board of Law Examiners. A civic-minded citizen, he is active on the liquor control board. During World War I, Mr. Whaley served as sergeant in the 312th Field Artillery Regiment of the 79th Division in the American Expeditionary Forces. His tenure of service was from September, 1917, until his honorable discharge in June, 1919. He is a member of the American Legion. In politics he is a Democrat, taking in local and national campaigns with interest. Fraternally, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, affiliated with the Blue Lodge. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian and attends St. Paul's by the Sea at Ocean City, Maryland.

On August 20, 1931, John Staton Whaley married Willie Mae Hayes, daughter of Walter F. Hayes. Mrs. Whaley was born in North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Whaley became the parents of one son, John Staton, Jr., who was born July 12, 1937, at Snow Hill.

**JOHN ARTHUR PRICE**, wholesale distributor and broker of fruit and produce, has been in the produce business in Salisbury for many years and is well-known in the trade. Mr. Price buys and sells from Florida to New Jersey, and sells to wholesalers, jobbers, and chain stores over the entire Eastern part of the United States.

He was born in Easton, on May 8, 1891, the son of John Thomas and Mary R. (Pratt) Price.

John Arthur Price attended elementary school and high school in Easton. After leaving school he studied telegraphy in Easton and then became associated with the Western Union Telegraph Company as manager of the following offices: Onley, Virginia; Pocomoke City, Maryland; Cape Charles, Virginia;

West Chester, Pennsylvania; and York, Pennsylvania. He then went to Pocomoke City where he entered the employ of the Peninsula Produce Exchange. After six years' experience in this line of business, Mr. Price left to open a produce business of his own in Salisbury, and he has been an active distributor and broker since that time.

During World War I, Mr. Price served with the Camp Headquarters Detachment at Camp Mead, Maryland, holding the rank of sergeant. He is a member of the American Legion, and fraternally he is affiliated with Crescent Lodge No. 178, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Salisbury Lodge No. 817, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his family are Methodists.

On November 20, 1917, John Arthur Price married Gertrude Blades, of Pocomoke City, the daughter of John H. and Lola M. (Mitchell) Blades. To this union were born three children: 1. Jean Price, who married Pratt D. Phillips, Jr., and they have three children, Pratt D. Phillips, III; John Price Phillips; and Carol Jean Phillips. 2. John Thomas Price, II, who lost his life in World War II. 3. Emily Gertrude Price.

**JOHN THOMAS PRICE, II**, son of John Arthur and Gertrude Blades Price, was born on August 23, 1923, in Salisbury.

He was a graduate of Wicomico High School, class of 1940 and of Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana, class of 1942. He entered Michigan State College as a business administration student in September, 1942.

In December, 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps and was called to active duty in February, 1943. On May 23, 1944, he was commissioned a second lieutenant, and, in March, 1945, went overseas with the 458th Bombardment Group which was stationed on Guam. Lt. Price, who was co-pilot of a B-29 superfortress, was declared missing in action after his second raid when his plane was shot down during a night incendiary raid on Tokyo, on April 13, 1945. Later it was learned that he and sixty-one other American airmen were killed on May 26, 1945, by fire bombs dropped from American planes on the Yoyage prison camp in Tokyo, Japan, to which he had been moved from Kempf Interrogation Center in Tokyo, May 10, 1945. Their bodies were buried in the American Military Cemetery at Yokohama.

Lt. Price's body was later brought to his home town, Salisbury, Maryland, and, on October 1, 1949, funeral services were held with a military burial in Parsons Cemetery.

**JAMES RICHARD COFFMAN**—The Coffman-Fisher Company's department store in Pocomoke City is managed by James Richard Coffman, a young man who nonetheless possesses the mature executive qualities which are indispensable in retail management. He is a veteran of three years' naval service in the South Pacific; and concurrent with his present connection has shown an enthusiasm for getting into whatever is going on, in the way of club, lodge and business activities.

Born February 10, 1922, in Kitzmiller, Maryland, James R. Coffman is the son of George W. and Elizabeth (Dean) Coffman, who were natives, respectively, of Maurertown, Virginia, and Elk Garden, West Virginia. His father is one of the partners in the Coffman-Fisher Company.

After attending public schools in Pocomoke City and the high schools of Pocomoke City and Catonsville, James R. Coffman matriculated at the University of Maryland, in the class of 1943. His date of enlistment in the United States Navy was January, 1942, but before being called for active service he had completed his college courses, and received his Bachelor of Science degree. His years of active service were spent on a landing ship, LST 223, and he saw action at Kwajalein, Saipan and the Philippines. He held the rank of lieutenant, senior grade, and was discharged in May, 1946.

On resuming civilian status, Mr. Coffman joined his father in the Coffman-Fisher Company, serving for about a year in the store at Davis, West Virginia, as a salesman. In 1947 he became manager of the Coffman-Fisher Company department store at Pocomoke, a position which he has held since. This store is a branch of the greater store organization, of which George W. Coffman is president. The home offices are in Baltimore, and the company operates fifteen stores, giving employment to over one hundred persons, in locations in the states of Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia and Delaware.

James R. Coffman is active in the Rotary Club and in the Business Men's Association. He is a member of the Winter Quarters Country Club, and since his period of service has taken an interest in the activities of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

**WILLIAM H. RIECK**, a resident of Preston, has for many years been active in the poultry business on the Eastern Shore. He started in the business at a youthful age, and has made it successful through long experience and sound business procedures.

Mr. Rieck was born in Preston on June 29, 1906, son of William F. and Amelia (Schulke) Rieck. Both parents were natives of Germany and are now deceased. The father was a farmer, and William Rieck's boyhood was spent on the farm. He attended the public schools and Preston High School, following this with a course at Beacom Business School to prepare himself for the responsibilities of his subsequent occupation. His connection with the poultry business goes back to about this period, for at the age of eighteen he started out for himself in this important Eastern Shore activity, as a producer. He remained a successful poultry producer for some years until, in 1935, he became a buyer of live poultry, using his considerable experience effectively in this aspect of the industry. He has remained thus occupied since that time. In 1947, however, he added to his endeavors the selling of baby chicks, finding outlets for a large percentage of the production of the Carmine Hatchery.

Mr. Rieck's favorite pastime is fishing, and he is also a popular hand at cards. He is a member of the Belmont Country Club, and attends the Immanuel Lutheran Church. He is an independent Democrat in his political views, siding with candidates and issues on the basis of merit rather than of party affiliation.

On August 1, 1929, William H. Rieck married Dorothy F. Flounders of Ridgeley, daughter of Frank and Stella (Pennington) Flounders. The Riecks have two children: 1. William H., Jr., a graduate of the local high school who attended Beacom Business College, and is now serving in the United States Navy. 2. Elizabeth Dorothy, now attending the local high school.





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**HAROLD ANSTINE MacALLEN**—The pioneer dealer in bottled gas on the Eastern Shore, Harold Anstine MacAllen has been in this business since 1931 on an ever-increasing scale, with headquarters at Princess Anne. Mr. MacAllen is active in community affairs and takes a keen interest in Eastern Shore politics. He is a member of the state central committee of the Democratic party, and was clerk of the board of election supervisors in Princess Anne.

Harold Anstine MacAllen was born in Somerset County on September 10, 1888, the son of George Upshur and Olivia (Bounds) MacAllen. His father, who is still active, has been a farmer and has engaged in the lumber and mill business and also served as judge of the orphan's court.

After attending the local schools as far as the ninth grade, Mr. MacAllen worked in the lumber business until he was twenty. He then took up brick-laying and completed his three years of apprenticeship, after which he served as foreman on apartment houses in Baltimore. During World War I, when the building of residential buildings was largely put aside for war construction, Mr. MacAllen was made superintendent of the Chemical Construction Company of Charlotte, North Carolina, and for several years he traveled about in the interests of this concern. In 1918 he lived in Toronto, Canada, where the concern put up a large structure, and from there he was transferred to Sheffield, Alabama, where a big nitrogen plant was erected near Muscle Shoals, which today is being used as a baking powder plant. In 1922 Mr. MacAllen returned to his home in Princess Anne to go into the barrel stave and barrel-making business with his father. They had a large plant about a mile out of Princess Anne.

It was in 1931 that Mr. MacAllen first entered the bottled gas business, the first to do so on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. In those pioneer days he would travel up and down the shore in a trailer, showing the housewife what bottled gas could do to free her from her kitchen. The business prospered, and today, after seventeen years in the field, Mr. MacAllen is operating on a much larger scale than ever, covering the whole Delaware-Maryland-Virginia Peninsula.

Meantime he has become active in the Democratic party, and held office as clerk of the board of election supervisors, as well as being a member of the state central committee of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Democratic Club of Somerset County, a charter member of the Princess Anne Rotary Club and a member of the Lions Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and is a Past Master of his lodge. He is active in the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company. His religious ties are with the Methodist Church.

Harold Anstine MacAllen married on June 24, 1914, at Fruitland, Bessie Pollitt, the daughter of Levin Roland and Emma Caroline (Peyton) Pollitt. Bessie (Pollitt) MacAllen was born in Somerset County, and before her marriage she taught school. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and has established eligibility to the Colonial Dames and the Daughters of 1812. Having engaged in genealogical work, the following account of her ancestry is based upon her records.

The Pollitt family came from England to Virginia in 1668, and immediately settled in Maryland, where the Pollitts have resided in and about Somerset County for almost three hundred years. They were all home loving people, devoted to their families, and they maintained large plantations. Pollitts served

in all the wars. There were captains in both the Revolutionary and the Civil wars, and they favored the South in the latter struggle. Levin Roland Pollitt, born November 8, 1851, in Worcester County, was the son of Josiah Morris and Amanda Pollitt.

Emma Peyton, the wife of Levin Roland Pollitt, was born December 28, 1855, the daughter of John and Ellen (Gilliss) Peyton. Her father was a lawyer, and he lies buried in Harrisonville, Cass County, Missouri. The Peyton ancestors were planters established near Roanoke, Virginia, being friends of the Washingtons, and John Peyton left his native Virginia at the time of the Gold Rush to eventually settle in the vicinity of Kansas City.

The Gilliss and Morris families were also pioneer settlers in Maryland and the proprietors of large plantations. The Gilliss family tree has above seven-hundred names, including that of Governor Levin Winder, of Maryland, and the Morris family is akin to that of Robert Morris, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

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**BENJAMIN LANKFORD BARNES**—Since 1938, Benjamin Lankford Barnes has served as clerk of court at Princess Anne, Somerset County, having been re-elected twice to this office, on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Barnes is prominent in the activities of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a past president of the Somerset and Worcester Past Masters Association. He is fond of outdoor life and makes a hobby of all kinds of sports.

He was born in Princess Anne, the son of Benjamin J. and Daisy (Lankford) Barnes. Benjamin J. Barnes, now deceased, was a farmer, and was born in Worcester County, August 11, 1867. Daisy (Lankford) Barnes was born in Princess Anne, January 31, 1870.

Benjamin Lankford Barnes attended the public schools of Princess Anne, graduating from Princess Anne High School in 1919. He then entered the University of Maryland and took his Bachelor of Arts degree, graduating with the class of 1923. From 1927 to 1931, he represented a number of insurance companies at Princess Anne. In 1931 he was appointed to the post of deputy clerk of the court. He was elected clerk of court in November, 1938, for a term of four years; was re-elected in 1942, and again in 1946. Mr. Barnes is a Democrat. He is a member of Sigma Nu college fraternity; a past member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and a member of Manokin Lodge No. 106, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is past master, having officiated in 1937. He is past president of the Somerset and Worcester Past Masters Association, and is a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church. As a hobby, Mr. Barnes takes a keen interest in sports of all kinds.

He married at Elkton, June 19, 1928, Grace E. Johnson, a native of Philadelphia and the daughter of George B. and Carrie Boyce (Hunter) Johnson, the former a native of Stockton and the latter of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have for many years lived in Snow Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have one daughter, Diane Hunter Barnes, born on January 31, 1934.

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**FRANK WARNER DRAPER, JR.**—Possessing a varied business experience, Frank Warner Draper, Jr., of Centerville, has distinguished himself in many lines of endeavor and has earned an excellent reputation for his valuable contributions toward the growth and

development of commerce and industry in this section or the country.

Mr. Draper was born March 8, 1897, at Reeds Creek, Queen Anne's County, son of Frank Warner Draper, Sr., and Ann Jane (Dulin) Draper. His father, a native of Queen Anne's County, was a prominent farmer of the region. His mother was born in Talbot County. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Harry P. 2. Elva, who became the wife of Thompson D. Turner. 3. Ola, who was married to Harry B. Moore. 4. Bertie, who became the wife of Lawrence Ewing. 5. Frank Warner, Jr., of further mention.

Frank Warner Draper, Jr., received his early training in the local country schools and attended Centreville High School. After finishing his secondary education, he entered the Goldey Business College, of Wilmington, Delaware, from which he graduated.

Upon completion of his formal education, Mr. Draper became associated with the Farmers Bank and Trust Company, of Newark, Delaware, as a bookkeeper. After a short period of time, in which he gained valuable experience, he joined the Hercules Powder Company, of Wilmington, Delaware. He left this company to enlist in the United States Navy, and served during World War I as a hospital corpsman, first class, stationed at Portsmouth, Virginia. After receiving his honorable discharge from the service in 1919, he came to Centreville, where he opened a grocery and meat business for himself, which he operated successfully until 1926. In that year he went to Detroit, Michigan, where he entered the Hudson Motor Car School. After having been graduated from this industrial center of learning, he served as the company's district manager for the states of North Carolina and South Carolina. Four years later, in 1930, he transferred his affiliations to the Durand Motor Company. He remained with this concern for two years and did much to increase sales and improve the standing of the company in the Carolinas. In 1932, he again returned to Centreville and joined J. W. Cook and Company as manager of the firm's grocery store and meat market here. At the end of this three-year period of successful operation, Mr. Draper, in 1935, became associated with the National Brewing Company, of Baltimore. Three years later, in 1938, he again changed his position, this time becoming manager of the Carstairs Brothers Distilling Company's Maryland district.

In 1946, Mr. Draper accepted the people's mandate and was elected to the position of town commissioner of Centreville, subsequently being elected to the presidency of the board of commissioners. In addition to his work in public office he has continued with his business interest in the Carstairs Company.

Mr. Draper is active in the life of his community. He is a member of the American Legion, and, fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He serves as president of the Queen Anne's County Sportsman's Club, as president of the Associated Sportsman's Clubs of the Eastern Shore, and as treasurer of the Gordon Point Sportsman's Club.

On September 17, 1926, Frank Warner Draper, Jr., married Ruth Ann Willis, a native of Dover, Delaware. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Frank Warner, III. 2. Ruth Ann. 3. John Willis. 4. Sue Padgett. 5. Julia McBride. 6. Jane Warner. 7. Thomas Edward.

**LENEX BRUMBLE WHARTON**—As head of the L. B. Wharton Company, Lenox Brumble Wharton, of Crisfield, has for many years demonstrated ad-

mirable qualities of executive leadership and business judgment, gaining a wide reputation for his many contributions to the development of the sea food industry of this city.

Mr. Wharton was born January 3, 1890, at Crisfield, son of Robert L. and Julia W. (Dize) Wharton. His father, a native of Bridgeton, New Jersey, was a blacksmith by occupation, and in politics a Republican. His mother was born at Spring Island, Maryland.

Lenox Wharton attended the public schools of Crisfield, and received his later education in the high schools there. In 1912 he started in the packing business in his home town of Crisfield. Throughout the years this firm, under the name of the L. B. Wharton Company, has continued to prosper, specializing in the packing and shipping of all kinds of sea food, and now employing fifteen people. The company also owns two boats.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Wharton is actively affiliated with fraternal organizations of his community. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he has always voted independently, looking to the dictates of his judgment for direction. In religious affiliation he is a Methodist and attends the Immanuel Methodist Episcopal Church of Crisfield.

At Crisfield, Maryland, Lenox Brumble Wharton married Lucy E. Wilson, daughter of Samuel and Kathryn (Parks) Wilson. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Marcus E., who was born at Crisfield, and married Mildred Evans, of Crisfield. 2. Mary Lucille, who was also born at Crisfield, and was married to Melford Ward; to them was born one child, Paul L. Ward. 3. Lenox B., who was born at Crisfield, and married June Riggan of Crisfield; they became the parents of one child, Pamela Wharton, who was born in 1946.

**PRESTON PATTERSON HECK**—Very much a man of the present century by birth, ideas, and variety of experiences, Preston Patterson Heck has been an attorney at law since 1937, in Chestertown, and a prominent figure in his profession, politics, and many local circles. He was born in Baltimore, April 6, 1901, son of Lewis K. and Mary Frances (Patterson) Heck, both natives of Virginia, who became the parents of: 1. Lewis O. 2. Preston Patterson. 3. Leroy S. 4. Frances, who married Frank Foulger. 5. Helen C., who married William Grace. 6. Cleda F. 7. Olivia A., who married Allan A. Cherry. Lewis K. Heck was for years an engineer on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

In Baltimore, Preston Patterson Heck acquired his preliminary education in the grade and high schools, and Baltimore City College, where he was graduated in 1921. In addition to his studies he proved himself an excellent athlete and played on the football team. Then and later he was variously employed during summers and other vacation times, to help finance his education. In 1924, he was graduated from Washington College with the Bachelor of Arts degree, and extra-curricular activities included memberships in the Mt. Vernon Society and Alpha Kappa fraternity.

After leaving Washington College, Mr. Heck accepted a position as teacher in the Philippine Islands until 1928, when he returned to Baltimore City College as a teacher of English, remaining there until 1937. Having enrolled in the University of Maryland Law College night classes, he graduated in 1932, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Later in 1932, he did post-graduate work at Johns Hopkins University. The following year he entered upon a part-time practice of







WILLIAM B. DUNCAN



FLORENCE O. (TAYLOR) DUNCAN









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law in Baltimore. In 1937, he removed to Chestertown and established law offices.

Mr. Heck has served as attorney for the Kent County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education; was a candidate to the Maryland State Senate; and is a member of Kent County and Maryland State bar associations. During World War II, he worked with the Selective Service Board as an appeal agent. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Lions Club, and his religious affiliations are with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On August 31, 1937, Preston Patterson Heck married Ermyrn Jewell, born in Kent County, a graduate of Washington College, class of 1924. Prior to her marriage she taught school in Chestertown and in Palmyra, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Heck are the parents of two sons: 1. Peter J., born September 5, 1941. 2. Samuel L., born February 22, 1945.

**EDWIN A. ROBINSON**, who was for many years cashier of the Farmers Bank of Somerset, located at Marion Station, has held the title of assistant cashier of the Bank of Crisfield since December 6, 1945, when the Marion bank became a branch of the latter institution. Mr. Robinson still continues, however, to serve the banking clientele of Marion and the surrounding area, providing them with the same careful, efficient, and friendly service that they have been accustomed to in the past.

He was born in Marion, June 23, 1891, the son of Dr. Thomas Edwin and Mary (Davis) Robinson. His paternal grandfather, J. D. A. Robinson, was a sea captain. His father, Thomas Edwin Robinson, M.D., was born in Pocomoke City, practiced his profession of medicine in Marion, and was a Democrat in his political affiliation. Mary (Davis) Robinson was born in Marion, the daughter of Aden and Mary Emily (Miles) Davis, both natives of Somerset County.

Edwin A. Robinson was educated in the public schools of Marion and Goldey Business College, in Wilmington, Delaware. His first employment was, in 1909, as bookkeeper for the produce house of J. E. Stevenson & Company of Newark, New Jersey. Subsequently, he worked for the Leib Packing Company, of Baltimore, and H. G. Miles & Company, produce dealers of New York City, before returning to Marion to enter the employ of the Farmers Bank of Somerset as bookkeeper. He later became assistant cashier of this bank, and, in 1926, was made its cashier, a post he filled for nearly twenty years. On December 6, 1945 the bank became a branch of the Bank of Crisfield, and he assumed the title of assistant cashier of the larger organization.

Mr. Robinson is a member of the Maryland and American bankers associations. He saw active service in World War I, as a second class petty officer in the United States Navy, enlisting February 14, 1917, and receiving his discharge on January 25, 1918. In politics Mr. Robinson is a Democrat, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

**WILLIAM B. DUNCAN**—An able and successful agriculturist, William B. Duncan has throughout his life been active on the Eastern Shore, first in Virginia, later in Pocomoke City. He has engaged in various enterprises, including the manufacture of barrels, and the shipping of mules for the Maryland

and Virginia market. He is prominent in Masonic affairs, and is a highly esteemed citizen of the Eastern Shore.

William B. Duncan was born in Accomac, Virginia, November 19, 1865, son of William and Mary L. Duncan. He was educated in country schools in Virginia. He thereafter farmed for a number of years in that state, operating a sawmill in conjunction with his agricultural activities. He was also early engaged in the manufacture of barrels, and this occupation he continued after his removal to Pocomoke City in 1905. Mr. Duncan undertook the operation of considerable acreage near Pocomoke City; and also set up and operated mule stables, being interested in the shipping of mules by the carload from Missouri for the Maryland and Virginia market. This enterprise, which proved a prosperous one, was operated under Mr. Duncan's name, and occupied his attention for some years. To the present time, although past eighty years of age, Mr. Duncan engages in farming in Worcester County, still taking an active interest in the management of his acres.

In his political beliefs, Mr. Duncan is a Democrat; and he is a member of the Blue Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. His religious affiliation is with the Baptist Church.

At Accomac, Virginia, December 19, 1887, William B. Duncan married Florence O. Taylor, a native of that city, and daughter of Asa J. and Rosa Ann (Justice) Taylor, her father living to the advanced age of ninety-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan became the parents of seven children: 1. Clarence. 2. Marion. 3. Donald. 4. Rosa A. 5. Clinton K. 6. Arville. 7. Lynwood. Separate biographical sketches are to be found under the names of several of these children.

**MISS ROSA A. DUNCAN**, late member of the firm of Duncan Brothers, Incorporated, widely known Eastern Shore automotive dealers, was a responsible, devoted and invaluable member of the firm, holding the position of secretary and treasurer. Her death terminated a promising career, for she had become one of the leading business women of the Eastern Shore, respected by all who knew her.

Miss Duncan was born in Miona, Virginia, March 7, 1895, but passed practically her entire life in Pocomoke City. She received her education there, and from a short time thereafter until her death was associated with her brothers in the automobile sales field. She was secretary and treasurer of Duncan Brothers, Incorporated, with headquarters in Pocomoke City. Miss Duncan's thorough knowledge of the business, and her skill in coping with the most difficult situations made her a valued member of the firm, and her brothers relied to a great degree on her sound judgment. Editorial comment thus appraised her work, and her place in the life of the community:

... She was an outstanding business woman and in her faithful and loyal devotion to her work, was considered almost indispensable. In her home life and in her association with friends she maintained at all times a frankness and dignity which won her the esteem of all with whom she came in contact and she exhibited to her parents and brothers a devotion which was individually her own.

Miss Duncan died October 10, 1948, in consequence of a fall. She made her home with her parents, William B. and Florence O. (Taylor) Duncan, and an aunt, Miss Martha Taylor, in Pocomoke City. Her sudden and untimely death came as a severe shock to the entire community in which she was well known and highly regarded. She will be remem-

bered by a host of friends and associates, not alone for her remarkable gifts as a business woman, and her devotion to her work, but for her friendly and memorable personality.

**LYNWOOD WILLIAM DUNCAN**, as president of the automotive firm of Duncan Brothers, Incorporated, is a prominent figure in the field of automobile retailing on the Eastern Shore. The concern deals in Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, and Cadillac automobiles, and General Motors Corporation Trucks. Mr. Duncan has also devoted effective efforts to banking, political affairs, and fraternal activities.

Born in Miona, Accomack County, Virginia, January 7, 1904, Lynwood William Duncan is the son of William B. and Florence O. (Taylor) Duncan. His father is now retired from business, and both parents are living. After attending the public schools of Pocomoke City, and graduating from high school there, Mr. Duncan entered business, first being associated with the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company in Pocomoke City. Beginning there as a clerk, he had risen to the position of manager when, in 1928, he terminated his connection with that company to purchase the Chevrolet agency in Pocomoke City. It had previously been owned by the Somers Motor Company. Mr. Duncan changed the name of the organization to Duncan Brothers, for he entered into its management originally with his brother, Arville James Duncan. Later the business was incorporated and the present officers are Lynwood William Duncan, president, A. J. Duncan, vice president, and C. E. Duncan, vice president. The late Rosa A. Duncan was secretary and treasurer until her death on October 10, 1948. Selling the widely popular and reliable General Motors line of cars and trucks, the firm has prospered well ever since its management was taken over by members of the Duncan family. The firm has grown under their progressive guidance, and now has six establishments on the Eastern Shore. It gives employment to eighty persons. Ethical in its dealings, friendly in its relationship with the public, the firm of Duncan Brothers, Incorporated, has deserved the favorable acceptance it has received in the Eastern Shore area.

Mr. Duncan is a director of the County Trust Company of Snow Hill. A Democrat in his politics, he has been active in the councils of his party, and now serves as chairman of the State Central Committee, a post he has held since 1946. He is a member of the Crescent Lodge Number 178, Free and Accepted Masons, the Salisbury Lodge of Perfection, and the Salisbury Lodge of Rose Croix; the Chesapeake Consistory in Baltimore, and Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Duncan also belongs to the Eastern Shore and Delaware Shrine clubs. In addition to his Masonic affiliations, he is a member of Lodge Number 1624, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in Pocomoke, the Lions Club in Pocomoke, and the Winter Quarters Country Club. Mr. Duncan and his family attend the Presbyterian Church.

At Chevy Chase, in 1932, Lynwood William Duncan married Ruth R. Cox of Cape Charles, Virginia, daughter of Albert Alberson and Florence Geneva (Rowell) Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan are the parents of a daughter, Ellen Gay, born May 2, 1936.

**CLARENCE EDWARD DUNCAN**—Associated with his brother, Lynwood William, in the automo-

tive firm of Duncan Brothers, Incorporated, of which he is vice president, Clarence Edward Duncan came to the automotive field after successful activity in other lines of work. He has been engaged in the manufacture of lumber, and munitions, in farming, and in salesmanship. Duncan Brothers, Incorporated, of Pocomoke City, has proved his most rewarding venture thus far, and has earned him a place in the ranks of the more outstanding business men of the Eastern Shore.

Clarence Edward Duncan was born July 28, 1889, in Miona, Virginia, which is situated in Accomack County. His parents were William B. and Florence O. (Taylor) Duncan, both still living, his father being retired from business. After attending public grade schools in Miona and high school at Pocomoke City, Clarence E. Duncan entered Goldey Business College at Wilmington, Delaware. After this invaluable business training, he became associated with his father in the manufacture of lumber at Pocomoke City for several years. For two years during World War I, he was employed in a munition plant in Baltimore, and for several years thereafter farmed with his father. From 1925 to 1929, Mr. Duncan was a sales representative for Armour and Company. He associated himself with the Davison Chemical Corporation in Baltimore in the latter year, and remained until 1934.

He then formed a partnership with his brother, Lynwood W. Duncan, and they bought the Buick franchise for Accomack County, Virginia, in the name of the Duncan Motor Company. They next moved the business to Temperanceville, Virginia, in 1936. In that year the firm was incorporated, with Clarence Edward Duncan as president. In addition to heading the Temperanceville concern, he became in the same year vice president of Duncan Brothers, Incorporated, of Pocomoke City. Both concerns have succeeded well, and Mr. Duncan has become one of the recognized leaders in the automotive field throughout the Eastern Shore. Both brothers have shown progressive qualities and managerial abilities in their business enterprises. The number of their places of business now total six on the Eastern Shore, and there are eighty employees on their payroll. They deal in the various makes of cars in the General Motors line, and in G. M. C. trucks—all reliable automotive products, which, together with their sensible and honest business methods, have won them a substantial trade.

Particularly prominent in Masonic activities, Clarence Edward Duncan is a member of Crescent Lodge No. 178, Free and Accepted Masons; Chesapeake Consistory in Baltimore; Salisbury Lodge of Perfection; and the Boumi Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Baltimore, of which he is a life member. He is also a member and director of the Lions Club. Mr. Duncan is a Democrat in his politics, loyal to his party and active in its causes, although never a contender for political office. He attends the Bethany Methodist Church, and serves on its board of stewards.

At Pocomoke City, June 29, 1916, Clarence Edward Duncan married Mary Esther Wilson of Pocomoke City, daughter of Edward Filmore and Margaret Patterson (Fulton) Wilson. They are the parents of one son, William Wilson, who was born March 14, 1917. He served for four years during World War II in the United States Army, being stationed in the







*Lyndon W. Decker*



*Clarence E. Duncan*









Arville J. Duncan

European Theater of Operations. William Wilson Duncan is married to Martha White, and they have one son, William W.

**ARVILLE JAMES DUNCAN**—Associated with his brothers in the operation of Duncan Brothers, Incorporated, of Pocomoke City, Arville James Duncan is vice president of that successful concern which deals in Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Cadillac automobiles, and G. M. C. trucks. He has been in the automotive field for over twenty years, and his firm has become widely known as a reliable car dealer.

Arville James Duncan was born in Miona, Virginia, January 13, 1900. Both his grade and high school education was obtained in Pocomoke City, and he thereafter joined his father in the operation of the farm for several years. In 1928, in partnership with his brother Lynwood William Duncan, he purchased the Chevrolet agency in Pocomoke City. This concern they renamed Duncan Brothers. When in 1936 it was incorporated, Arville James Duncan became vice president of the corporation. The other officers were: Lynwood William Duncan, president, Clarence Edward Duncan, vice president, and Rosa A. Duncan, secretary and treasurer. Miss Rosa Duncan died October 10, 1948. The firm has prospered well under the management of the Duncans, and now operates six showrooms on the Eastern Shore, which employ eighty persons. Each of the branches deals in the well-known and high-quality General Motors line of automobiles and trucks. Sketches of each of the other officials of the company are to be found in this volume.

Arville James Duncan is a member of Lodge No. 1624, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Active as a fraternalist, he also belongs to the Lions Club of Pocomoke City. He is a Democrat in his political affiliation, and a member of the Methodist Church.

On June 4, 1930, Arville J. Duncan married Ethel Long of Altoona, Pennsylvania, daughter of Cora Long.

**EDWARD TYLOR MILLER**, Representative of the First District of Maryland in the Congress of the United States, displays in service to his constituents evidences of a distinguished career at the bar and bench. He practiced law in Easton from 1920, is a former police and juvenile judge, held the rank of colonel during World War II, and has occupied his seat in the House during the Eightieth and Eighty-first Congresses.

A native of Woodside, Edward Tylor Miller was born February 1, 1895. He is a graduate of Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D. C., class of 1912; and of Yale University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1916.

Before beginning his professional career, Representative Miller served in World War I as an officer in the United States Army Infantry. Beginning the practice of law in 1920, he selected Easton as his location; and during his years as a member of the bar of that community, he served as referee in bankruptcy, and sat on the bench of the police and juvenile courts.

On November 5, 1946, Edward Tylor Miller was elected to represent his constituents in the First District in the Congress of the United States; and was re-elected to the Eighty-first Congress on No-

vember 2, 1948. His district includes the counties of Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester, with a combined population, in 1940, of nearly two hundred thousand people.

In World War II, Representative Miller held the rank of colonel in the United States Infantry. He is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and is fraternally identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Lions. He belongs also to Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa and Psi Upsilon fraternities; and the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

Professionally, Representative Miller is a member of the Maryland Bar Association. In his home community he is identified with the Football "Y" Association, the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, of which he was commodore in 1941, the Miles River Yacht Club, the 14 West Hamilton Street Club, and the Talbot Country Club.

On November 14, 1942, Edward Tylor Miller married Josephine W. Ford, and he is the father of one stepson, Theodore G. Miller. The family resides at The Pines, in Easton.

**LEVIN CLAUDE BAILEY**—Prominent as a judge and lawyer of Salisbury, Levin Claude Bailey has served the citizens of his state with fidelity and justice. His integrity and honesty in public office have won for him the esteem and respect of a host of warm personal friends and many professional associates.

Mr. Bailey was born February 7, 1892, at Quantico, Wicomico County, son of John Curtis and Emma Virginia (Banks) Bailey. His father was a widely known agriculturalist.

After attending the local elementary school, Levin Claude Bailey entered St. John's College at Annapolis, Maryland, from which institution of higher learning he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1911. Deciding to take up law as a profession, he enrolled at the Law School of the University of Maryland, and two years later, in 1913, he received the Bachelor of Laws degree there.

In that same year Mr. Bailey was admitted to the bar, and began the practice of law. After several years of successful practice, he became city solicitor of Salisbury, a position he held for four years, until 1924. Three years later, in 1927, he was elected state's attorney for Wicomico County. As such he served the citizenry of the county with distinction until 1934. After these years of public service he returned to his private practice which was bringing him an ever increasing clientele, and his reputation as an expert attorney became widespread. On May 29, 1943, he was appointed chief judge of the First Judicial Circuit of Maryland and associate judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland. The latter office was abolished by constitutional amendment on December 31, 1944. Since January 1, 1945, he has continued as associate judge of the First Judicial Circuit. In connection with his legal work he serves as Chairman of the Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Mr. Bailey plays an important role in many phases of community life in addition to his professional work. He is a director and secretary of the Salisbury Ice Company, and serves as a member of the Advisory Board of the Salisbury Bank of the County Trust Company of Maryland. He also holds directorships in



the Peninsula General Hospital at Salisbury and the Wicomico County Free Library. Professionally, he is a member of the American Bar Association, the Maryland State Bar Association, and the Wicomico County Bar Association, and he is a member of the American Judicature Society and the American Academy of Political and Social Science. He is a trustee of Morgan State College and is on the Board of Visitors and Governors at St. John's College. During World War I, he served his country as a captain in Company F of the 317th Infantry Regiment of the Eightieth Division. Overseas he studied at the Army School of the Line at Langres, France, and at the General Staff College there, being graduated from the former school in 1918. From December, 1918, until May, 1919, he acted as post adjutant of the Advanced General Headquarters at Trier, Germany. Fraternally, he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In religious affiliation he is an Episcopalian, attending the Episcopal Church of Salisbury.

On November 20, 1919, Levin Claude Bailey married Irma Aurelia Porter, daughter of James B. and Maude (Amiss) Porter, of Norfolk and Portsmouth, Virginia. Her father was a well-known merchant. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey became the parents of one son, James Porter Bailey, born at Salisbury on December 23, 1922. He attended the public schools and Salisbury High School, graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy in the class of 1941 and from Virginia Military Institute in the class of 1945, after two years' residence. James P. Bailey served in the United States Army Signal Corps from 1943 until March, 1946, holding the rank of technical sergeant, and being stationed during most of his period of active service in the European Theater and Italy. He was assigned to the 3188th Signal Battalion. He is now a student at the University of Maryland Law School.

**JOHN WILLIAM ROBERTSON, M.D.**—An Eastern Shore physician recognized among members of his profession throughout the United States, John William Robertson, M.D., has practiced for nearly forty years of his career in Onancock. Dr. Robertson is noted as an X-ray practitioner, and is the author of a study on arthritis, the outgrowth of extensive research during World War I. He has played a large part in the affairs of his community.

Dr. Robertson was born at Onancock, July 8, 1887, son of Dr. Edgar W. and Belle (Britton) Robertson. His father, also a physician, served as mayor of Onancock and as member of its town council. During the Civil War, he served the cause of the South as a private in the Dixie Guards, Light Infantry, Virginia Volunteers, of the Confederate States Army.

Dr. Robertson received his early schooling at Margaret Academy and Onancock High School. He then entered the University of Maryland, where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1909. He was, as an undergraduate, a member of Kappa Psi, Theta Nu Epsilon, and the Craftsman's Club. Dr. Robertson's first appointment was as clinical assistant at the University Hospital in Baltimore, during 1908-1909. He was resident physician from 1909 to 1910, and in the latter year established practice at Onancock, where he has remained to the present time. During the first world conflict, he did special research on arthritis at the United States Army General Hospital No. 9, at Lakewood,

New Jersey; and special cardio-vascular and lung work at the United States Army General Hospital No. 14 in Georgia. He was ward surgeon at General Hospital No. 32 at Eastview, New York, and at Fort McHenry. Dr. Robertson is the author of a paper, "Studies on Arthritis in the Army, Based on 400 Cases"; also, "Heart Block on an Interstitial Nephritis," and "X-ray in Communities Removed From Medical Centers."

Dr. Robertson, who is vitally interested in civic affairs, is past member and clerk of the Onancock school board; past member of the Accomack County, Virginia, school board; member of the local draft board, selective service, during both World War I and World War II; chairman of home service, American Red Cross, during World War I; chairman of first aid, American Red Cross, World War II; chairman of medical advisory board No. 1, Virginia; for selective service, during World War II. During the first conflict, Dr. Robertson held the rank of first lieutenant in the Medical Corps.

Dr. Robertson was organizing chairman and first president of the Onancock Rotary Club; is past president, and was for twenty-five years secretary-treasurer, of the Accomack County Medical Society; and is a member of the Medical Society of Virginia, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association. His Masonic affiliations are: Past Worshipful Master, Chesapeake Lodge No. 158, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Past High Priest, Jewell Chapter No. 49, Royal Arch Masons; Past Eminent Commander, Knights Templar, Commandery No. 24, Virginia; Past District Deputy Grand High Priest, District No. 20, Virginia; Excellent Grand Representative Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Delaware to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia. He is past president of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Shrine Club, and a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Dr. Robertson is a member of the Baptist Church in Onancock.

At Snow Hill, October 2, 1913, Dr. John William Robertson married Lula Conway Price, daughter of James Samuel and Cordelia (Richardson) Price. To them have been born two children: 1. Sue Elizabeth, now Mrs. Denton, who was born May 30, 1915. 2. Nellie Price, born June 8, 1921, now Mrs. Josey.

**HENRY ALEXANDER WISE**, superintendent of schools in Accomack County, Virginia, since 1929, was born in Craddockville on May 15, 1877, the son of Edward S. and Elizabeth Sarah (Jacob) Wise. His father was a farmer, and at the time of his death in 1918 was serving as commissioner of revenue of Accomack County.

Henry Alexander Wise attended the public schools of Accomack County and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, from which he graduated in 1898 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Later, after some years of teaching, he studied at Centre College, Kentucky, where he received the degrees of Master of Arts, and Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1905, and at the University of South Carolina, where he took a Master's degree in 1911. Mr. Wise first taught in the public schools of his native Accomack County and then in South Carolina. After he entered the field of higher education, he taught at Erskine College, Converse College, and Furman University, all in South Carolina, and at the University of Georgia. In 1929 he returned to the Eastern Shore to become superinten-

dent of schools in his home county of Accomack and he has filled this post ever since.

Mr. Wise is a member of the Rotary Club of Onancock, and of the Ruritan Club of Pungoteague. He belongs to the Phi Kappa Phi and the Sigma Epsilon college fraternities. During World War I he enlisted in the armed forces and was in an officers training camp at Old Point Comfort when peace was declared. Mr. Wise is a member of the Methodist Church of Craddockville, and he takes an active part in all that pertains to the welfare of the community.

**JAMES FREDERICK STEWART**—Although most of the early years of his career were given to the service of his country, James F. Stewart has come, in a brief time, to play a prominent part in the life of Easton, as an attorney and as police commissioner.

Mr. Stewart was born in Talbot County, near Easton, December 24, 1912. His father, James A., II, a salesman, died in 1934. He was in turn the son of Major William E. Stewart, of Dorchester County. Major Stewart had served the Confederate States as an officer, and his native county as state's attorney. His wife was Margaret D. Wallach of Washington, daughter of the owner of the Washington "Star." The father of Major Stewart was James A., also of Dorchester County, one time judge of the court of appeals. The mother of James Frederick Stewart was the former M. Helen Law of Toronto, Canada, daughter of Commodore Fritz E. Law, of the British Navy.

James Frederick Stewart received his early education in the public schools, then entered Georgetown College, where he was the recipient of two degrees, Bachelor of Arts in 1934, and Bachelor of Laws in 1938. Admitted to the bar in 1939, he began a private practice in Easton, which, however, was interrupted in 1941 by his induction into the army. Serving in the 740th Military Police Battalion, he attained the rank of captain, while this outfit was in training near Chicago. Subsequently he saw one year's service overseas. Since his return to civilian life in 1946, Mr. Stewart has continued his interest in the military tradition, and serves his post of the American Legion as judge advocate. He has resumed his legal practice in Easton, and has added to it the duties of police commissioner of Easton.

Mr. Stewart has established professional affiliation with the American Bar Association, and with the county and state bar associations. Active in club life, he is a member of the Lions Club of Easton, the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, and the Talbot Country Club. His special hobby is dramatics, and his indulgence in this interest is afforded through membership in the Easton Players. Mr. Stewart is a Democrat, and a member of the Roman Catholic Church of Sts. Peter and Paul.

James Frederick Stewart married, March 21, 1942, Elizabeth M. Baxter of Chestertown, daughter of Charles A. and Winnie (Clothier) Baxter. The Stewarts have one daughter, Gloria Elizabeth, born September 19, 1945.

**JOHN ELTON MASON**—"Sea View" canned goods are well-known in the general market. It is the brand name of the Mason Canning Company, of Pocomoke City, a partnership concern organized by John Elton and Ralph Mason, brothers.

John Elton Mason was born at Newark, Worcester County, on August 11, 1905, son of John and Julia (Ross) Mason; his father being a dealer in lumber and a prominent citizen. He was educated in the grade schools of his birthplace, the Snow Hill High School, class of 1922, and the University of Maryland. After being variously employed, he joined his brother in 1935, in the Mason Canning Company. This organization cans fish, green and wax string beans, sweet and white potatoes, tomatoes and tomato juice, and almost any other kind of vegetables for which there is a demand and that is grown in the general region of Southern Maryland. During the busiest season some three hundred and fifty people are directly employed. As already mentioned, the Mason trade brand "Sea View" is favorably and widely known. Mr. Mason is a member of the Tri-State Packers Association. He attends the Methodist Church.

At Newark, Maryland, John Elton Mason married Lillian Johnson, daughter of Marion and Ethel Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Mason are the parents of four children, the first child born at Newark, the others at Pocomoke City: John M., Anne J., Ethel M., and Jay E. Mason.

**CHARLES THOMPSON FISHER, M.D.**—Noted in the surgical field throughout the Eastern Shore, Dr. Charles Thompson Fisher has maintained offices in Salisbury for many years. He specializes in urology, and since 1920, he has occupied the post of assistant surgeon at the Peninsula General Hospital.

Dr. Fisher is a native of Princess Anne, born August 7, 1879, son of Charles T. and Hannah (Palmatory) Fisher. After attending local schools, he entered the University of Maryland, where, in 1901, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He took graduate courses at the University of Munich, Germany, in 1911-1912. On completion of his medical courses at the University of Maryland, Dr. Fisher interned at the Bayview Hospital in Baltimore during 1901-1902, and at the Worcester Insane Hospital during 1902-1903. Some years later, in 1918-1919, Dr. Fisher was connected with the Church Home and Infirmary in Baltimore, and in 1919 he was made superintendent of the Maryland General Hospital, which post he filled for a year's time. He again interned at the Howard A. Kelly Hospital in 1920, and he has been assistant surgeon at the Peninsula General Hospital since that time.

Dr. Fisher is a member of the American Medical Association, the Medical and Chirurgial Society of Maryland, and the Wicomico County Medical Society, of which he is past president. He also belongs to the Southern Medical Society. During World War I, Dr. Fisher was a member of the Selective Service Board for Somerset County. For recreation, he enjoys the outdoor sports: hunting and fishing and boating.

On December 15, 1920, Dr. Charles Thompson Fisher married Ellen Dale McMaster. They make their home at 106 West Isabella Street in Salisbury.

**C. O'DONNELL PASCAULT**—As local representative of Piper & Hill of Baltimore, C. O'Donnell Pascault is engaged in the real estate business in and around Easton. He has lived for some years in the old Pascault place known as "Riverslie" on Miles River Neck, and he comes from a family that is one of the oldest in Talbot County. Mr. Pascault



had a rich and varied business experience outside the state before returning to take over the family farm.

He was born at "Riverslie" on November 29, 1894, the son of John Lusby and Millicent M. (Tilghman) Pascault, both natives of Talbot County. His paternal grandfather, Frank Pascault, was also born in the county, as was his maternal grandmother M. Skinner Tilghman. The Pascaults and Tilghmans are both old and well-known families on the Eastern Shore. Mr. Pascault's father was a farmer. C. O'Donnell Pascault received his education in the local public schools. He worked for one summer on the International Boundary Survey between Maine and Canada. Then he became associated with Bartlett Hayward & Company in Baltimore, as assistant superintendent during World War I. His next move was to Chicago, as a salesman for Thomas Develon and Art Loom of Philadelphia. He remained there for twelve years, after which he returned to Talbot County and took over the old Pascault farm "Riverslie" on Miles River Neck, where he farmed until 1946. During those years he experimented with turkey and dairy farming. He still lives on the old farm, which comprises one hundred and eighty-five acres, and at present he is raising grain crops, devoting his principal energies to the real estate business, which he entered in 1946 as a local representative of the Baltimore real estate concern of Piper & Hill.

Mr. Pascault takes an active part in local affairs, and he and Mrs. Pascault make a hobby of knowing all there is to know on the subject of the old homes of Talbot County. For recreation, Mr. Pascault is fond of duck shooting and dove shooting. He is a member of the Easton Business Men's Club and the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, and in politics is an independent Democrat.

C. O'Donnell Pascault married on August 14, 1926, Lydia Rouse of Easton, the daughter of Willard G. and Lydia (Robinson) Rouse. Mr. and Mrs. Pascault are the parents of two children: Millicent Tilghman, a graduate of the local schools and of Hood College; and Ann Carroll, a graduate of the local schools and now a student at Smith College.

**BROOKS F. DOLBY**—A man of growing consequence in the contracting field along the Eastern Shore, Brooks F. Dolby has been engaged in this pursuit since early youth. In association with his father, he maintains offices at Salisbury under the firm name of Frank Dolby and Son. They have been responsible for much of the modern construction in Salisbury and its vicinity.

Born December 5, 1915, in Sussex County, Brooks F. Dolby is a son of Frank and Dolly Mae Dolby, his father being a native of Georgetown, Delaware, and his mother of Laurel, Delaware. Frank Dolby has spent his entire career as a contractor, and he is a Democrat in his political beliefs. Brooks Dolby received his preliminary education in the public schools of Delaware, and attended Laurel High School. He thereafter completed a course of commercial training at Beacom Business College. As a youth he became associated with his father in the contracting business, and started to operate for himself in 1940-1941. His career met with interruptions during World War II, when for the greater part of that conflict, Mr. Dolby served with the Merchant Marine.

On his return from service in 1945, he resumed operations in the contracting field in Salisbury, and

he has continued under the name of Frank Dolby and Son to the present time. The firm is responsible for such construction as the Laurel Public School Building, the Miller Electric Company building at Salisbury, the Townsend Nurseries, and an addition to the Oliphant Chevrolet Building.

Mr. Dolby is a Democrat in his politics. Fraternally, he is a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his family attend the Methodist Church.

At Salisbury, Brooks F. Dolby married Anne Stone Brewington, a native of Salisbury, and daughter of Walter and Fanny Brewington. Mr. and Mrs. Dolby are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann.

**G. HALE HARRISON** is a resident of Berlin, Maryland. His portrait appears on the opposite page.

**JOSHUA WELDON MILES**—Since 1925 Joshua Weldon Miles has practiced law in Baltimore, specializing in the field of federal taxation, and he has built up a substantial practice, having a reputation of the first order in his field. Mr. Miles, who was born in Marion, in Somerset County, takes a keen interest in everything that has to do with the Eastern Shore and he is an active member of the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City.

He was born in Marion on May 28, 1898, the son of Southey Francis and Mollie B. Miles, his father being a farmer and for many years associated with the offices of the State Comptroller and State Insurance Department. He attended both public and private schools in Somerset County, after which he entered Western Maryland College at Westminster, graduating there in 1918 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He served in the United States Army during World War I, being connected with a Motor Transport Corps division. After receiving his discharge he entered the University of Maryland Law School for his legal training, and at the same time became deputy collector of internal revenue in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue at Baltimore, a post he filled from December 1, 1919, to February 19, 1925. Meantime in his free time he was pursuing his legal studies, and in 1922 he was graduated from the University of Maryland Law School with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to practice at the Maryland bar in October, 1921. He did not, however, enter upon active practice until 1925, when he gave up the post of deputy collector, but made use of his experience and knowledge in this field to specialize in the handling of legal problems having to do with federal taxation. In the twenty-three years that have elapsed since then, Mr. Miles has continued to specialize in this field.

He is a member of the Wednesday Law Club, the Baltimore Country Club, and the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City, and fraternally is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He still retains his membership in the Trinity Methodist Church of Marion, in Somerset County, but he and his family attend St. David's Episcopal Church in Baltimore.

He married, at Princess Anne, on June 14, 1922, Lurline Gibbons, the daughter of Alvah N. and Nellie P. Gibbons. Mr. and Mrs. Miles have one son; Joshua Weldon Miles, III, born February 22, 1934.





*G. Hale Harrison.*









*Pratt D. Phillips*



Dr. Phillips Jr.





**PRATT DASHIELL PHILLIPS**—A member of notable Maryland and Delaware families, the late Pratt Dashiell Phillips contributed new honors to the records of his forefathers. Agriculture, contracting and canning were the outstanding business interests in which he engaged, and down the years he won reputation for foresight and judgment, enterprise and integrity. Service of the community came well within the scope of his activities and as a man of large affairs he promoted the growth and enrichment with which his life was mainly identified.

According to family accounts the name Phillips is Greek in origin, deriving from the words *Philos* and *hippos*, combining to mean a lover of the horse. The family was long seated in England, one George Phillips, son of Christopher Phillips, being resident at Rainham, St. Martin's, near Rougham in the Hundred of Gallow, County of Norfolk, England. First of the name in America was evidently this George Phillips who arrived in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in Governor Winthrop's fleet and became the first minister of Watertown. He was born in Norfolk, England, in 1593, and died in 1644. The Phillips have been largely established in Maryland and Delaware since the early seventeen hundreds.

Pratt Dashiell Phillips was born at Green Hill, Maryland, on March 10, 1877, son of Isaac Thomas and Helen (Howard) Phillips, the mother being the daughter of William Howard, the first sheriff of Wicomico County, who married a sister of Benjamin T. Waller of Green Hill. Reared on his father's farm, Pratt D. Phillips attended the public grade and high schools of his birthplace and Quantico, rounding out his education at St. John's College, class of 1908. Two years after leaving college he engaged in farming and lumber enterprises in the Quantico section of the Eastern Shore. Shortly after, his brother, Harry Lay Phillips (q.v.), became a partner in the ventures which were expanded to include canning, and in 1921 road construction was added.

The Phillips brothers, with the driving force that characterized their endeavors, carried on several of their ventures on a large scale. Canneries were built at Quantico, Riverton, White Haven and Powellville.

On December 31, 1945, Phillips Brothers was dissolved, Pratt D. Phillips taking over the canning part of the business, while H. Lay Phillips centered his attention on construction; the farming interests were divided between them. In 1946, Pratt D. Phillips sold the large canning plant to the Campbell Soup Company, and in that same year was joined in business by his son Pratt D. Phillips, Jr., under the trade title of Pratt Phillips and Son, Inc., the elder man remaining president of the corporation until his death. In about 1942 he became part owner of the Victor Lynn Lines, Inc., which were soon sold, and he was a director of the Salisbury National Bank and the Wicomico Hotel Corporation. He gave his services to the John B. Parsons Home for the Aged; was a member of the board of directors of the Wicomico Free Library; and was a life member of the Maryland Historical Society. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, holding the Thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. A lifelong communicant of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church, he was a former vestryman and later a member of the finance committee.

On May 8, 1915, Pratt Dashiell Phillips married

Dora Jones of Quantico, Maryland, daughter of James Marion and Elizabeth (Taylor) Jones; her mother the daughter of Ichabod and Emiline Taylor. James Marion Jones was the son of James and Mary Ann (Anderson) Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips became the parents of a son: Pratt Dashiell, Jr., born April 17, 1918, who married, November 15, 1942, Jean Price of Salisbury, and they have two sons: i. Pratt Dashiell, 3rd, born October 15, 1943. ii. John Price, born May 21, 1946.

Upon the death of Pratt Dashiell Phillips on February 13, 1948, all public honors were done his achievements, and hosts attended the obsequies and followed in solemn cortege to his last resting place in the little church yard cemetery at Quantico, where he had spent his youth. In an interpretive memorial an editor wrote:

It is hard to describe Pratt D. Phillips. When in his prime and good health, his energy, driving force and endurance made of him a human machine, going from one task to another with a precision and efficiency, seldom seen. His hard work and good planning brought him success, in his business and undertakings. He was a builder, and his community came in for its share of what he created.

We have heard it said many times that "there is but one Pratt Phillips—no one else is like him." Perhaps in one sense that is true. But if there was but one Pratt Phillips, this one had many phases.

Under his armor of brusqueness, cultivated perhaps as a protection to his inner self, he was a man who made and held friends. His so-called mannerisms were often planned and brought results highly desirable. His work in the church, his interest in the Public Library, and the part he played in civic causes, showed the inner man, and perhaps are a truer indication of the real Pratt Phillips, than his business adventures.

A living dynamo—or action personified, something had to move when he put his shoulder to the wheel—and move it usually did and in the direction he wanted it to move.

Salisbury and Wicomico County have profited through his efforts. His life, a busy one, has not been in vain. The businesses he recreated will continue to grow and expand. His friends will testify to the value of his personal relations to his fellow-man. He will be missed in business, civic and social circles.

**A. BOWDLE HIGHLEY**, of Trappe, has turned his varied abilities to good account in a number of fields. He runs a successful farm near Trappe, owns and operates a flour and gristmill and a lumber mill, and has more recently established a retail liquor dispensary on his premises. He has been a leader in the political field, and has ably represented his fellow townsmen in the Maryland General Assembly for two terms.

He is a native of Trappe, having been born May 8, 1889, son of Burton S. and Mary Ann (Bowdle) Highley. His father was a Methodist minister, native of Carroll County, Virginia, and served as chaplain of the 51st Virginia Regiment during the War Between the States. He married Mary Ann Bowdle, who was born in Talbot County, daughter of Alexander and Emily C. Bowdle. After completing his studies at the public schools of Trappe and graduating from high school there, A. Bowdle Highley entered Western Maryland College, and completed his academic education at Bryant and Stratton Business College. He has, since that time, operated his own farm, for a total period of about twenty-five years, and he has owned and operated a flour mill, gristmill and lumber mill, all situated near Trappe. In 1938 he opened the latest addition to his business interests: a retail liquor dispensary on the north end of the Choptank River in Talbot County on the farm which has been in the family over one hundred years, widely known Bolingbrooke Farm.

In 1920 Mr. Highley, a loyal Democrat, was elected to the Maryland General Assembly, in which he held his seat for a two-year term. He served as a member of the Selective Service Board during World War I.

Mr. Highley was president for 1949 of the Maryland Harness Horse Racing Association, and he is greatly interested in horses. He has a stable of thirty-five pacers and trotters, among them such well-known names as Scotta (2:05), Darnelle (2:06), and Mary Martinque (2:07), and at stud Banner Hanover by Peter The Brewer.

Long active as a fraternalist, Mr. Highley is a former member of the lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men. He is now a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge No. 1211 in Cambridge. He enjoys yachting, and is a member of the Miles River and the Cambridge yacht clubs. He is an adherent of the Episcopal faith.

A. Bowdle Highley married Mildred Brerewood, of Dorchester County, descendant of an old Maryland family.

**MARTIN M. HUBBARD**—The proprietor of St. Michaels Cleaners in St. Michaels, Martin M. Hubbard has had ample experience in this field. His own firm has been established for over two decades, during which period its excellent service and high business standards have secured for it an enviable position among local business enterprises.

Born in Caroline County, between Preston and Federsburg, October 3, 1903, Mr. Hubbard is the son of Albert F. and Henrietta (Matthews) Hubbard. His father, for many years a farmer in Caroline County, died August 8, 1939; his mother, a native of Easton, predeceased her husband, October 31, 1907. Brought up on his father's farm, Martin Hubbard attended the public schools, assisting his father during vacations and spare time. At the age of seventeen he sought work in Easton, his first position being clerk in a grocery store. Thereafter he entered the dry cleaning business, which at that time was a relatively new industry. His first connection was with the Crystal Dry Cleaning plant, and he remained there for three years. Realizing fully its possibilities and being of an enterprising nature, the young man decided to go into this business for himself. His first concern, operated in his own name, was in Easton. After remaining there for two years, he transferred to St. Michaels, where he has been ever since, managing the plant named for the town of its location. The date of this removal was February, 1927, and since that time St. Michaels Cleaners has been conspicuously and increasingly successful. Sufficient of its profits have been "plowed back" into plant maintenance to have given the company a completely modern plant, and a branch office is maintained in Easton, the location of Mr. Hubbard's first individual business efforts. The establishment employs the full-time services of eight persons, and operates one truck for pickup and delivery. It continues its growth in public favor, community usefulness, and commercial prosperity.

Enjoying a high degree of confidence among his colleagues in the cleaning business, Mr. Hubbard has been elected treasurer of the Del-Mar-Va Cleaners and Dyers Association. Fraternally he is affiliated

with the Improved Order of Red Men. He likes the out-of-doors, particularly fishing, and is an active member of the Miles River Yacht Club. Politically, Mr. Hubbard is an independent Democrat.

Martin E. Hubbard married, June 28, 1928, Ruth E. Evans of St. Michaels, daughter of John S. and Elizabeth Evans of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard have one daughter, Harriet Marie, born March 20, 1933.

**BOYD BRITTINGHAM** is a native of Salisbury, where he was born April 24, 1900, the son of William H. and Millie (Moore) Brittingham. When Boyd Brittingham reached the age of eight, his father died; so while still quite young it became necessary for him to find employment, and in 1912, he went with T. Roy Disharoon of Salisbury and learned the automobile repair business. Putting this experience to still better use, he became associated, in 1920, with the Gunby Nash Company as service manager. The years from 1923 to 1930 were spent with the Gunby Motor Company, the Dodge Dealer in Salisbury, and at the termination of this connection, Mr. Brittingham went in business for himself. His first location was on Camden Street, where he remained until 1934, moving at that time to the Baysinger Garage. In 1940, however, he occupied his own new building on Salisbury Boulevard, and his Nash agency and service at this location date from 1941.

Mr. Brittingham is a member of the Salisbury Rotary, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 817. He attends Trinity Methodist Church.

At Princess Anne, on April 17, 1924, Boyd Brittingham married Mary Jane Cathell, daughter of William F. Cathell, a painter, and Margaret Cathell.

**WILLIAM L. REVELLE** was born in Crisfield, December 24, 1919, the son of O. A. and Nancy J. (Ward) Revelle, the former a native of Fairmount and the latter of Crisfield. O. A. Revelle is a merchant at Crisfield.

William L. Revelle attended the public schools of Crisfield, graduating from Crisfield High School in the class of 1939. He accepted a post as bookkeeper with the Tawes Ice Company, of Crisfield, and served in this capacity for about a year, until his business career was interrupted by World War II. He enlisted in the United States Army on January 15, 1942, and served as a sergeant in the 763rd Tank Battalion, in the Pacific Theater of Operations. Sergeant Revelle took part in the invasion of the Philippines and was wounded in the Battle of Okinawa. He received his discharge on October 24, 1945, and on November 15, of that year, became bookkeeper for the N. R. Coulbourn Company.

Mr. Revelle is a member of Stanley L. Cochran Post No. 16, of the American Legion, and of Memorial Post No. 8274, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He attends the Asbury Methodist Church.

**ALEXANDER GOLDSBOROUGH ROBBINS**—Among the active and energetic citizens of Dorchester County in the previous generation was the late Alexander Goldsborough Robbins, a canner of Robbins, Maryland, and a trapper who conducted extensive research on steel traps for the W. A. Gibbs Company, pioneers in humane traps. Mr. Robbins was the father







*Vertie Robbins*



*A. G. Robbins*





of a large family, and today five sons are engaged in the canning business, one in Philadelphia, one in Baltimore, and three in Dorchester County.

Alexander Goldsborough Robbins was born at Robbins in Dorchester County, January 4, 1872. He loved the out-of-doors, and as his children grew up he taught them to hunt and trap. Meantime, he himself was engaged in trapping and, in association with the W. A. Gibbs Company, he made many experiments with steel traps, looking toward the development of humane traps that would not injure the animals caught. This was a pioneer development at that time. Mr. Robbins was also engaged in the canning business and fur buying.

He married Vertie Shorter, who was born near Robbins in Dorchester County, March 16, 1872. Alexander Goldsborough and Vertie (Shorter) Robbins were the parents of ten children: 1. George, who is engaged in the canning business and lives in Philadelphia. He married Kathleen LeCompte, and their children are Lenora, George, Jr., Goldsborough, Lorraine, Shirley, Philip, and Lindberg. 2. Alexander Goldsborough, Jr., who is associated with the National Can Company and lives in Baltimore. He married Anna Bubb, and they have four children: Vernon, Richard, Faith, and Jerry. 3. Elizabeth, who married Naylor Parks, has five children by a former marriage: Raymond, Harold, Doris, Dulcie, and Susanne. 4. Virginia, who married James Stewart of Andrews, and has two children, Joseph, by a former marriage, and Mark. 5. Pauline, who lives in Baltimore. 6. Benjamin, who was killed in an accident. 7. Louis B., who is associated with his two brothers, Henry D. and Mark Baker, in the Robbins Brothers Canning Company and allied interests. He married Eleanor Powell, and they have one child, Louis Powell. 8. Henry David, who is associated with his brothers in Robbins Brothers Canning Company and allied interests. He married Elizabeth Simmons. 9. Mark Baker (q.v.). 10. Bernice, who married Ferdinand Forthman. He is associated with the Robbins Brothers Canning Company.

Alexander Goldsborough Robbins died in December, 1921.

**JOHN THOMAS HANDY**—Extensively engaged in the canning business in Crisfield, John Thomas Handy is recognized as one of this community's leading business men. The John T. Handy Company, as the organization is called, has four partners, his associates being A. G. Sterling, Joseph C. Sterling, and John T. Handy, Jr.

The elder John Thomas Handy was born October 5, 1876, in Marion, Maryland, son of Thomas J. and Marion O. (Miles) Handy, both natives of Marion, and both now deceased. His father was an oyster packer and a prominent Democrat.

John Thomas Handy attended public schools in Somerset County, and afterward was a student at St. John's College, at Annapolis, and the Bryant and Stratton Business College. Thereafter he started his association with the canning business, establishing his own firm in Crisfield. Since that time the company has grown and developed until it has become one of the leading canners of tomatoes and other vegetables, as well as sea foods and a variety of other edibles. The John T. Handy Company is also engaged in food freezing operations, and now employs as many as four hundred people in its important work.

Mr. Handy has taken a lively interest in the general business life of his community, particularly as a director of the Bank of Crisfield. He is a member and

president of the board of directors of the McCready Memorial Hospital. In politics he is a staunch Democrat. He belongs to the Tri-State Packers Association, the Sea Food Packers Association, and the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce; is a past member of the Crisfield Rotary Club; and holds the Thirty-second degree in the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Among his other undertakings, Mr. Handy is a member of the Advisory Commission of the Conservation Department of the State of Maryland. He is a member of the Rehobeth Presbyterian Church, Rehobeth, Maryland.

John Thomas Handy married, February 15, 1905, near Kingston, Maryland, Sue Davis, born near Kingston, as were her parents, William F. and Sue (Beauchamp) Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Handy became the parents of the following children: 1. John T., born in Crisfield, died in infancy. 2. Lois, born in Crisfield, became the wife of James Maffitt, and the mother of their two children, James, Jr., and Sue M. 3. Marion Sue, born in Crisfield, now Mrs. Anderson. 4. John Thomas, Jr., born in Crisfield, served for five years as lieutenant colonel in the engineers in China; he married Hannah D. Smith of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of two children: John T. III, and Susan Elizabeth.

**J. HERMAN PERDUE** was born March 5, 1883, at Parsonsburg in Wicomico County, son of John Davis and Martha C. (Fooks) Perdue. The father, a native of Wicomico County, engaged in extensive farming operations near Parsonsburg. The mother was also born in Wicomico County.

J. Herman Perdue received his early education in the public schools of Parsonsburg, gaining a fundamental knowledge of many subjects. He later attended the Peirce Business School, where he accumulated special training which was to be extremely useful to him in later life. Mr. Perdue entered the carriage business at Snow Hill, in 1902, shortly after completing his formal education. He remained in this line of endeavor for eight years, but, in 1910, when the automobile became an important factor in the lives of many of the people of the United States, he made the switch from carriages to automobiles, and at this time he organized a Reo agency at Snow Hill. Later, in 1911, he took on the Willys Overland, an auto that he sold for ten years. In the meantime, in 1915, he initiated operations as a Ford agent. This agency became increasingly successful and prosperous as the years went by. He gradually accumulated a complete line of Ford products. His business, through the efforts and ability of Mr. Perdue, has risen to the front rank of automotive agencies in the state. He employs a staff of six to carry on the functions of the enterprise.

In addition to this business interest, Mr. Perdue is active in the professional, civic, and social life of his community. He holds membership in the National Automobile Dealers Association and the Maryland Automobile Dealers Association. He is prominent as a director of the County Trust Company, and he acts as chairman of its board of directors. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, votes the party ticket in national as well as local elections, and is a hard-working and devoted member of the Town Council of Snow Hill. In religious affiliation he adheres to the Baptist faith, and he attends the Old School Baptist Church at Snow Hill.

On September 18, 1905, at Salisbury, J. Herman

Perdue married May Truitt, daughter of Elisha Samson and Della (Powell) Truitt. Both her parents were natives of Wicomico County, as was she. Mr. and Mrs. Perdue became the parents of the following children: 1. J. Herman, Jr., who was born at Snow Hill, and married Alexandra Irwin Cordrey; they also became the parents of two children, John H. Perdue, III, and Rose Alexandra Perdue. 2. Mabel, who became the wife of J. Bayard Davis; three children were born to them, James Bayard Davis, John Perdue Davis, and Ann Truitt Davis.

**THOMAS HENRY BRIDDELL**—One of Crisfield's progressive business men, Thomas Henry Briddell is vice president of the cutlery business in which he was for a time associated with his father, the late Charles D. Briddell. In addition to serving as vice president of the firm, Mr. Briddell is in charge of all sales and advertising. He belongs to a number of trade associations and takes a keen interest in their affairs.

He was born in Crisfield on October 7, 1914, the son of Charles D., Sr., and Grace (Maddox) Briddell. He attended the Crisfield elementary schools and Crisfield High School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1929. He also studied at the University of Maryland in 1931-32. In the latter year he became associated with his father in the family business in the capacity of bookkeeper. This concern manufactures ice tools and seafood tools as a specialty, as well as other cutlery. After a time Mr. Briddell became sales manager, and later vice president in charge of sales and advertising. He belongs to the following trade associations: the National Association of Manufacturers, the National Association of Cutlery Industries, the National Association of Ice Industries, the National Advertising Specialty Association, and the North American Oyster Institute.

He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs also to the Crisfield Rotary Club and served as its president in 1942-43. In his politics, Mr. Briddell is affiliated with the Democratic party, and he is a member of the Baptist Church.

He married at Crisfield, June 12, 1936, Elizabeth Barnes, a native of Mount Vernon, Maryland, the daughter of Dr. Harry A. and Alice (Hose) Barnes, the former a native of Springfield, Massachusetts, the latter of Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Briddell have four children: Brenda Barnes, born August 26, 1937; Elizabeth Ann, born in May, 1942; Rebecca Thomas, born December 23, 1944; and Bonnie Lee, born in May, 1947. All four children were born in Crisfield.

**JOHN DeWEESE CARTER**—Judge Carter of the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland, is a native of Denton, Caroline County, and was born June 2, 1904, the son of John Tilghman and Elizabeth (DeWeese) Carter. His father was during his lifetime actively engaged in the banking and real estate business in Caroline County. He was an organizer and first president of The Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Denton. He also served as chairman of the Building Committee of Caroline High School at Denton in 1925. His mother was a sister of William H. DeWeese, former States' Attorney for Caroline County.

Judge Carter received his Bachelor of Laws degree at Washington and Lee University in 1927 and was admitted to the Maryland Bar the same year. Since 1928, he has actively engaged in practice at Denton, representing five of the seven banks in the County, and many local and outside companies.

In 1928, he was appointed United States Commissioner for the District of Maryland with jurisdiction throughout the nine counties of the Eastern Shore. In 1939, he was appointed as the Eastern Shore representative on the "Maryland Tax Revision Commission of 1939." In 1940, he was by gubernatorial appointment named the Eastern Shore representative on the "State Tax Commission of Maryland," which position he held until 1942 when he resigned to enter the Armed Services. He was the author of "Tax Laws of Maryland, 1941," which was published by the State Tax Commission in that year. He was also a member of the Special Pardons Commission of Maryland in 1940; and was the county representative on the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure for the State Courts, appointed by the Court of Appeals in 1941. He was Chairman of Democratic State Central Committee for Caroline County, 1942 to 1946 and a candidate for Attorney-General of Maryland in 1946. During World War II he served in the Judge Advocate General's Department, where he participated in the Luzon Campaign, and was discharged with the rank of major. He is presently the president of the Caroline County Bar Association and a member of the Executive Council of the Maryland State Bar Association. In April, 1949, he was named by gubernatorial appointment Associate Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland, which comprises the five upper counties of the Eastern Shore.

He is a member and past president of the Denton Rotary Club and a member of the Easton Country Club. Fraternally, Judge Carter is a Mason and Past Master of Temple Lodge No. 128, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Denton, and also Past Commander of Chesapeake Commandery No. 10, at Denton. His fraternities are Phi Kappa Sigma, social, Phi Delta Phi, legal, and Omicron Delta Kappa, national college leadership. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the First Methodist Church of Denton. He is a bachelor and makes his home with his sister, Miss Ella M. Carter, at Denton.

**WILLIAM PRATT CHAFFINCH** was born in Easton, July 4, 1909, the son of Lawrence Hull and Virginia (Gilbert) Chaffinch and the grandson of William Pratt Chaffinch, the first mayor of Easton. The late Lawrence Hull Chaffinch was a merchant. His wife, now deceased, was the daughter of the Rev. David Norwood Gilbert of Wicomico County.

William Pratt Chaffinch was graduated from Easton High School, after which he entered the University of Maryland from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, 1930. While at the university he became a member of the chapter of Kappa Alpha Society as well as the honorary fraternity Omicron Delta Kappa. In June, 1930, he entered into association with the Commercial Banking Corporation of Philadelphia in the capacity of treasurer, a post he held until 1936. From 1936 to 1942 he was associated with the Commercial Investment Trust in New York City. He became district manager of this concern, continuing as such until 1942, when he joined the Bendix Aviation Corporation as assistant production manager.





*John Mac Carter*





In 1945 he became manager of the Baltimore branch of the Maryland Credit Finance Corporation, and two years later was elected vice president, leaving Baltimore to become identified with the head office in his native Easton.

On September 30, 1949, Mr. Chaffinch resigned from Maryland Credit and formed the Automobile Acceptance Corporation with offices in Easton and Baltimore.

Mr. Chaffinch was formerly a member of the Pennsylvania Athletic Club, and is a member of the Tred Avon Yacht Club. He belongs to the Second Presbyterian Church of Baltimore, and serves on its board of deacons. Politically he is affiliated with the Democratic party. Mr. Chaffinch is the owner of the Mollie Stewart House at Oxford.

He married on August 16, 1935, Dorothy Roxanne Maxwell of Philadelphia, and they have two children: Lawrence William, born August 2, 1937; and William Gilbert, born October 10, 1945.

**JOHN OSBORNE BYRD**—Prominent as a public official and business man of Snow Hill for many years, John Osborne Byrd has won the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Byrd was born July 21, 1890, in Somerset County, son of George Thomas and Rebecca Jane (Trader) Byrd. His father, who was born in 1851, in Virginia, was prominent as an agriculturalist, voted the Democratic ticket, and died in October, 1921. His mother, also a native of Virginia, was born in 1860, and died at Pocomoke City in November, 1931. John Osborne Byrd received his early education in the local public schools and attended high school at Fairmount.

After finishing his formal education, Mr. Byrd worked with his father on the family's one hundred-fifty-acre farm near Fairmount. At the age of twenty-two years he became connected with the produce industry as a member of the Peninsula Produce Exchange. In this capacity he traveled between Pocomoke City, and other nearby centers. He remained with this organization until 1921, gaining a thorough knowledge of the intricacies of the produce field in this section of the country. In the latter year, however, he decided to go into business for himself, and he started Selby and Byrd, a flour milling enterprise conducted in partnership with Thomas B. Selby. After two years of successful operation, they sold the business and Mr. Byrd joined in forming a corporation known as Shockley and Humphrey's Inc., wholesale distribution of groceries, tobacco, and food of all kinds. Both C. W. Shockley, the company's first president and treasurer, and Arthur C. Humphrey, its first vice president, passed away. Mr. Byrd, has steadily risen to prominence in the firm, and now holds the positions of secretary, treasurer, and general manager. Much of its remarkable success has been due to his able management. He holds membership in the Wholesale Grocer's Association.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Byrd has taken a vital part in the political development of Snow Hill, having served as its mayor since 1924. In this capacity he has distinguished himself for his enlightened administration. He also, as a Democrat, holds membership in the State Central Committee. He has served in the past as a member of the Snow Hill Council. During World War II, Mr. Byrd served as County Director of the Civilian Defense Pro-

gram for Worcester County, and as chairman of the Rationing Board.

Besides his interest in politics, Mr. Byrd plays an active role in other phases of community endeavor. He is active in the Rotary Club and the Men's Civic Club. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and he holds membership in the Improved Order of Red Men, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Pythias. In religious affiliation he is a Methodist.

On October 7, 1913, at Pocomoke City, John Osborne Byrd married Edith Dickinson, daughter of Marcellus H. Dickinson, a native of Worcester County. She was born near Pocomoke City in Somerset County. Mr. and Mrs. Byrd are the parents of one daughter, Elizabeth Byrd, who was born at Snow Hill and became the wife of James S. Onley; their children are: 1. Barbara Jane Onley, born at Snow Hill. 2. James S. Onley, also born at Snow Hill.

**PAUL ELTON JONES** of Snow Hill has been in automobile sales and service business for twenty-five years and is well-known all over the Eastern Shore. He is the local agent for Chevrolet and Oldsmobile automobiles, and in addition handles a large repair business.

He was born on January 14, 1906, on a cattle ranch in Norton County, Kansas, the son of Elton M. and Nellie R. Jones. Elton M. Jones was born in Snow Hill, but went west at an early age. He homesteaded in Kansas and ran a cattle ranch there as well as conducting one of the largest mercantile stores in Norton County. In 1913 he moved back to Snow Hill with his family, and opened a store, as well as owning several farms. He went into the automobile business with his son in 1925, and was associated with him until 1942, when he retired. He now spends his winters in West Palm Beach, where he owns two homes, and in the summers he lives on his farm in Snow Hill, having sold four other farms in 1945. He is still very active.

Paul Elton Jones attended elementary school and high school in Snow Hill, where he lived from the age of seven. He then went to Charlotte Hall Military Academy, after which he took a commercial course in the Goldey Business College of Wilmington. Upon leaving school, Mr. Jones opened an automobile repair shop in Snow Hill on March 1, 1925, and in the latter part of the same year he obtained the Chevrolet Agency and his father joined the business, the firm name being E. M. Jones & Son. In 1932 they took on the Oldsmobile Agency. The elder Mr. Jones retired from the business in 1942, and it is now conducted by Paul Elton Jones, its founder, who has an enviable reputation for honesty and fair dealing all over the Eastern Shore. He has a well equipped repair shop and does repair work on all makes of cars, as well as handling sales. He is a member of the Snow Hill Lions Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and all its branches, being a Past Master of Sinepuxent Lodge No. 193, of Snow Hill, a Thirty-second degree Mason, and also a Shriner. He and his family attend the Snow Hill Christian Church.

Paul Elton Jones was married at Salisbury, September 21, 1928, to Irma V. Kensey, the daughter of Charles C. and Bertha Elizabeth (McDonald)

Kensey; her father being a resident of Snow Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have one child, Gail Kensey Jones, born May 20, 1936.

**CHARLES BRANCH CLARK**, the editor and author of the present work, has called the Eastern Shore "home" since 1930, when he matriculated at Washington College in Chestertown. Graduating in 1934, he alternated high school teaching, at Preston and Federalsburg in Caroline County and at Hancock in Washington County, with graduate school. He combined teaching of the social studies with directing athletics and other student activities.

He received the Master of Arts degree in history and political science at Duke University and the doctorate in the same fields at the University of North Carolina. His Doctor of Philosophy dissertation, completed in 1940, was entitled "Politics in Maryland During the Civil War Period." Most of this appeared in installments, 1941-1946, in the Maryland Historical Magazine.

Following graduate school Dr. Clark taught in the University System of Georgia until he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1942. He served for three and one-half years, nearly thirty months of it in the Pacific in combat where he rose to the rank of captain. Trained for infantry duty, he was assigned chiefly to combat intelligence work. For eighteen months he doubled as intelligence aide-de-camp for

top Marine aviation generals. Between combat assignments he compiled much of the historical record of the Marines in the Pacific.

Upon his return to inactive duty in late 1945, Dr. Clark was again connected with the University System of Georgia until appointed Head of the History and Political Science Department at Washington College, effective September, 1946. Since 1947 he has been Dean of Men of Washington College. He had learned a great deal about the Eastern Shore in the summers of 1936 and 1937 while serving as Field Representative for the College.

Dr. Clark is a member of the Maryland Historical Society, The American Association for State and Local History, the Southern Historical Association, the American Historical Association, the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, the Foreign Policy Association and other learned societies, and of Lambda Chi Alpha and Omicron Delta Kappa fraternities. He has written numerous articles and book reviews for various publications.

Charles Branch Clark was born in Howard County, Maryland, at Ellicott City, on June 5, 1913, one of eleven children of Louis T. and Désirée (Branch) Clark. His forbears were prominent in early Maryland and national history. In 1945 he married Adelaide Snowden Hodges. They have two children, Adelaide Snowden Hodges Clark, born in 1946, and Charles B. Clark, Jr., born in 1947, and live in Chestertown.





*Charles B. Clark*



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